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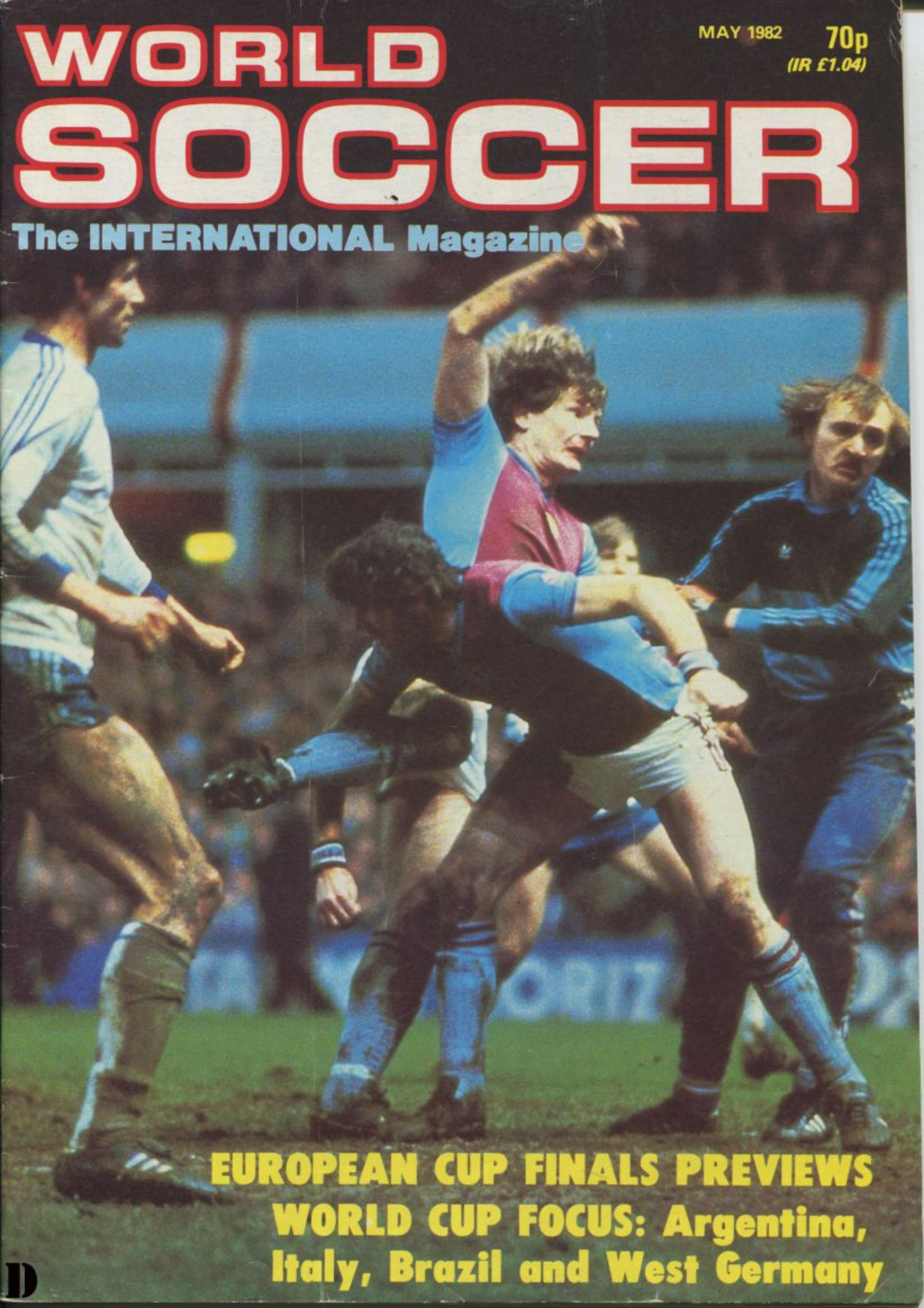


EUROPEAN CUP FINALS PREVIEWS

WORLD CUP FOCUS: Argentina, Italy, Brazil and West Germany

# IAN RUSH
## LIVERPOOL AND WALES

# Football, FIFA and the Falklands

**SIX WEEKS before the opening of the World Cup, football's showpiece event is teetering on the brink of disaster. The dangers stem from three sources:**

**★ the international crisis over the Falkland Islands;**

**★ Spain's domestic unrest;**

**★ continuing uncertainty over the World Cup finances.**

**Of all the threats, the Falklands situation is the most grave. As we go to Press the American peace initiative is just about continuing, but any opening of hostilities between Britain and Argentina could immediately lead to the World Cup withdrawals of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, probably New Zealand, and possibly several other western European nations . . . as well as pressure on FIFA to expel Argentina.**

**On top of that comes the renewed threat that the Basque separatist terrorists of ETA may scrap their previous promise to leave the World Cup in peace. The bomb which blasted Madrid's main telephone exchange, only just renovated and redeveloped to answer World Cup demands, was a reminder which sent a chill through officials, players, press and public.**

**And, finally, confusion reigns in Spain over the financial side of the World Cup and organising committee president Raimundo Saporta's efforts to put the tottering 'Cultural World Cup' on its feet.**

**A lot of peaceful solutions are needed. But time is running short.**

# English monopoly in real danger

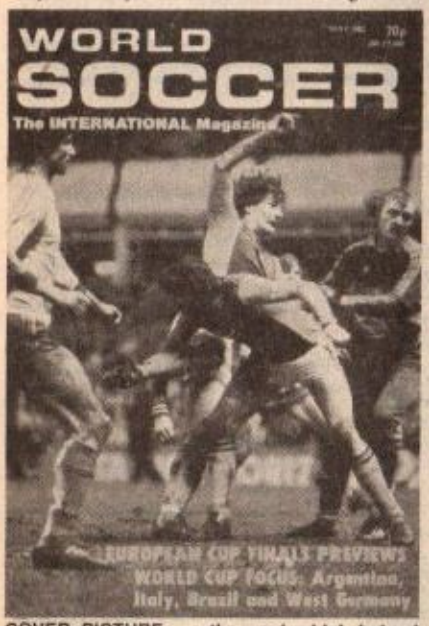
## European Cup Final, Rotterdam, May 26
## Bayern Munich v. Aston Villa by Keir Radnedge

**THE experience of Bayern Munich — three times past champions of Europe — stands in the way of Aston Villa's attempt to extend English domination of the Champions' Cup to a sixth year.**

But unhappily, the stupidity of a crazy, drunken lunatic fringe will mean inevitably that the build-up to the final in Rotterdam on May 26 will be concerned more with crowd control than with football.

A scattering of Villa idiots made that certain when they sprawled their way into Brussels, battled with local fans and police in the Parc Astrid stadium, then let loose a final salvo back in the city centre.

After a season in which it appeared foreign police and clubs had sorted out their crowd control — and when it appeared, also, that English clubs were taking a larger share of responsibility over fans' travel arrangements and tickets — a dark cloud returned at just the wrong time.




**COVER PICTURE . . . the goal which helped take Aston Villa to Rotterdam and the European Cup final — scored by central defender Ken McNaught. Villa beat Anderlecht 1-0 at Villa Park, and held on for a goalless draw in the Parc Astrid in Brussels.**

For the presence of Bayern Munich in the final as opposition inevitably recalls the shameful events in Paris in 1975 when Leeds' fans refused to accept defeat, and pillaged a path through the Parc des Princes and then back into the French capital.

Leeds were thrown out of Europe; but Villa are likely to escape that catastrophe, if only because Anderlecht officials must take a proportion of blame for creating the non-segregated crowd conditions in which trouble could fester.

Once again out came the riot squad with their batons and shields, and after an eight-minute hold-up in the first half of that ill-fated semi-final return, the trouble subsided.

But it left a nasty taste. Perhaps it's fortunate that the final is being staged in a country who have had their own share of hooliganism, and in a stadium in which police are better able than in most to act to prevent disorder.

Eight years ago Spurs' fans sullied their club's reputation with the vandalism which marred the UEFA Cup Final against Feyenoord. This time the police will be ready for the English invasion.

And so will Bayern Munich.

The irony about the meeting of English and German champions is that while it's the English who usually moan about pressure of fixtures, Villa have only this prize left to aim for, following an otherwise mediocre season. It is Bayern who are still fighting on three fronts: European Cup, German Cup and league championship.

Bayern have more experience than Villa in the ways of Europe, and their Rotterdam line-up will feature several survivors from their hat-trick of success in the mid-1970s. Paul Breitner and Bernd Dürnberger in midfield played in Bayern's first Champions' Cup triumph, the 4-0 replay win against Atletico Madrid in Brussels in 1974. Udo Horsmann and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge played against Saint-Etienne at Hampden in 1976.

And it is, of course, to Breitner and Rummenigge that Bayern will look for the inspiration to lift them to victory. Both are World Cup necessities for West Germany: Breitner to run the midfield for the European champions, and national skipper Rummenigge to lead lightning assaults on the enemy goal.

**KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE . . . chasing a cup double with Bayern and West Germany.**

Their partnership can be devastating . . . if Breitner is allowed the room he likes. But Liverpool proved in last year's semi-final that Bayern can be vastly reduced in effect if Breitner can be hustled and hurried out of

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his normal languid stride. Liverpool beat Bayern in the semi-finals — but that defeat might just work against Villa.

Bayern believed, after holding Liverpool goalless at Anfield, that the return would be a formality. It proved otherwise — and Bayern are unlikely to make that mistake of underestimation again.

Certainly they have their weak points. Hungarian coach Pal Csernai was scathing about the feeble performance of his defence both in the semi-final first leg against CSKA Sofia — when Bayern were 3-0 down in 17 minutes — and also ten days later in a vital 4-3 league defeat at the hands of Eintracht Frankfurt.

The fact that Bayern have lately been spying on the Austrian goalkeeper Klaus Lindenberger illustrates their concern over the situation in goal where the young Walter Junghans has proved liable to the most unpredictable errors, and the veteran Manni Müller has taken several knocks.

Bayern signed Bertram Beirlorzer at the start of last season to take over in the middle of defence, and it was another sign of concern when Hans Weiner was recalled for the second leg against CSKA. In general Beierlorzer-Weiner-Augenthaler-Horsmann is an undistinguished back unit, and the pace and skill of Tony Morley and Gary Shaw, allied to the formidable strength of Peter Withe, could soon have the Bayern defence looking extremely ragged.

If, that is, Villa have the nerve to take the game to the Germans.

That is their best chance. If they sit back, and hand the initiative to Breitner and Wolfgang Dremmler in midfield, and to Rummenigge — current European Footballer of the Year — and the awkward but effective Dieter Hoeness up front, they will be lost.

Csernai believes that if Villa come at Bayern, then the Germans will be better placed to hit back. The danger is, with Bayern's leaky defence, that Villa's attack will set Csernai's men more problems than they can deal with comfortably.

In terms of experience in Europe Bayern have the edge. But Villa aren't short of experience in general, Jimmy Rimmer was keeping goal for Manchester United in Europe back in the late 1960s, and Dennis Mortimer has been a superb leader since his transfer from Coventry five years ago. With Des Bremner a Trojan in midfield and Allan Evans and Ken McNaught rugged but reliable in the centre of defence, Villa need not be too worried at matching up to the challenge.

Noises from Villa Park suggest that they expect Rotterdam to provide an entertaining final, but I think the pressures and tension will prevent that. Indeed, the threat to Villa may not come so much from Bayern, but the possibility that England's outgoing champions may 'freeze' on the night.

That they should have reached the final at all is remarkable, given the continuation of the boardroom bickering which soured much of the early stages of the season. But Tony Barton, former Fulham and Portsmouth winger, has achieved a miracle in this two dozen matches in charge since the departure of Ron Saunders.

The victories over Kiev and Anderlecht have been qualified as partly due to tactic and temperament failures on behalf of the Soviets and the Belgians. But Villa can only beat the opponents they are given, after all!

The Champions' Cup Final has always been an event coloured by the glories of its tradition. The early days with Real Madrid, Reims, Benfica and the rest are, however, now long gone. The defensive football of the mid-1960s — the Italian era — was succeeded by the total football revolution of Ajax and, to a lesser extent, Bayern. Then came the English takeover.

The past five finals, all won by English clubs in Liverpool and Nottingham Forest, have produced just eight goals — one of the reasons why the rest of Europe has remained unimpressed. The chances of an attacking explosion now are remote.

I believe Villa will put up a bold fight; but I also think that Bayern will squeeze home.

# Probable teams

| BAYERN MUNICH | Age | Caps | | ASTON VILLA | Age | Caps |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter JUNGHANS | 23 | 0 | G | Jimmy RIMMER | 34 | 0 |
| Bertram BEIERLÖRZER | 24 | 0 | RB | Ken SWAIN | 30 | 0 |
| Hans WEINER | 31 | 0 | CB | Allan EVANS | 25 | 1* |
| Klaus AUGENTHALER | 24 | 0 | CB | Ken McNAUGHT | 27 | 0 |
| Udo HORSMANN | 30 | 0 | LB | Gary WILLIAMS | 21 | 0 |
| Bernd DÜRNBERGER | 28 | 0 | MF | Gordon COWANS | 23 | 0 |
| Paul BREITNER | 30 | 40 | MF | Des BREMNER | 29 | 0 |
| Wolfgang DREMMLER | 27 | 11 | MF | Dennis MORTIMER | 30 | 0 |
| Wolfgang KRAUS | 28 | 0 | MF | | | |
| | | | AT | Gary SHAW | 21 | 0 |
| Karl-Heinz RUMMENIGGE | 26 | 51 | AT | Peter WITHE | 30 | 3 |
| Dieter HOENESS | 29 | 2 | AT | Tony MORLEY | 27 | 2 |
| | | Subs | | | | |
| Manfred Müller | 34 | 0 | G | Nigel Spink | 23 | 0 |
| Kurt Niedermayer | 26 | 1 | D | Mark Jones | 20 | 0 |
| Asgeir Sirguvinsson | 27 | 30* | MF | Andy Blair | 22 | 0 |
| Günter Güttler | 20 | 0 | AT | David Geddis | 24 | 0 |
| Hans Pflügler | 22 | 0 | AT | Terry Bullivant | 25 | 0 |

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Intl apps for England except * for Scotland

Pal Csernai — Team manager — Tony Barton

**THE ROAD TO ROTTERDAM**

**Bayern Munich**

**Bayern 1** (Rummenigge), **Oesters Vaxjo** 0 — away

**Bayern 5** (Hoeness 2, Rummenigge 2, Niedermayer), **Oesters 1** — home

*Bayern 6-1 on agg.*

**Bayern 0, Benfica 0** — away

**Bayern 4** (Hoeness 3, Breitner), **Benfica 1** — home

*Bayern 4-1 on agg.*

**Bayern 2** (Breitner, Rummenigge), **Un. Craiova** 0 — away

**Bayern 1** (Hoeness), **Un. Craiova 1** — home

*Bayern 3-1 on agg.*

**Bayern 3** (Dürnberger, Hoeness, Breitner), **CSKA Sofia 4** — away

**Bayern 4** (Breitner 2, Rummenigge 2), **CSKA 0** — home

*Bayern 7-4 on agg.*

**Scorers:** Hoeness 7, Rummenigge 6, Breitner 5, Dürnberger and Niedermayer 1 each.

Played 8 — Won 5 — Drawn 2 — Lost 1 — Goals for 20, against 7.

**Aston Villa**

**Villa 5** (Morley, Withe 2, Donovan 2), **Valur** 0 — home

**Villa 2** (Shaw 2), **Valur 0** — away

*Villa 7-0 on agg.*

**Villa 2** (Morley 2), **Dynamo E. Berlin 1** — away

**Villa 0, Dynamo Berlin 1** — home

*Villa on away goals – 2-2 agg.*

**Villa 0, Kiev 0** — away

**Villa 2** (Shaw, McNaught), **Kiev 0** — home

*Villa 2-0 on agg.*

**Villa 1** (Morley), **Anderlecht 0** — home

**Villa 0, Anderlecht 0** — away

*Villa 1-0 on agg.*

**Scorers:** Morley 4, Shaw 3, Withe and Donovan 2 each, McNaught 1.

Played 8 — Won 5 — Drawn 2 — Lost 1 — Goals for 12, against 2.

# Past finals

**1956 — Read Madrid 4, Reims 3 (Paris); 1957 — Real Madrid 2, Fiorentina 0 (Madrid); 1958 — Real Madrid 3, Milan 2 (Brussels, aet); 1959 — Real Madrid 2, Reims 0 (Stuttgart); 1960 — Real Madrid 7, Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Hampden); 1961 — Benfica 3, Barcelona 2 (Berne); 1962 — Benfica 5, Real Madrid 3 (Amsterdam); 1963 — Milan 2, Benfica 1 (Wembley); 1964 — Internazionale 3, Real Madrid 1 (Vienna); 1965 — Internazionale 1, Benfica 0 (Milan); 1966 — Real Madrid 2, Partizan Belgrade 1 (Brussels); 1967 — Celtic 2, Internazionale 1 (Lisbon); 1968 — Manchester United 4, Benfica 1 (Wembley, aet); 1969 — Milan 4, Ajax Amsterdam 1 (Madrid); 1970 — Feyenoord 2, Celtic 1 (Milan, aet); 1971 — Ajax 2, Panathiniakos 0 (Wembley); 1972 — Ajax 2, Internazionale 0 (Rotterdam); 1973 — Ajax 1, Juventus 0 (Belgrade); 1974 — Bayern Munich 4, Atletico Madrid 0 (Brussels — replay after 1-1); 1975 — Bayern 2, Leeds 0 (Paris); 1976 — Bayern 1, Saint-Etienne 0 (Hampden); 1977 — Liverpool 3, Borussia Mg 1 (Rome); 1978 — Liverpool 1, Brugge 0 (Wembley); 1979 — Nottm Forest 1, Malmö FF 0 (Munich); 1980 — Nottm Forest 1, Hamburg 0 (Madrid); 1981 — Liverpool 1, Real Madrid 0 (Paris).**

**WINNERS: 6 — Real Madrid. 3 — Ajax, Bayern, Liverpool. 2 — Milan, Internazionale, Benfica, Nottm Forest. 1 — Celtic, Man Utd, Feyenoord (1).**

**FINALS: 9 — Real Madrid. 5 — Benfica. 4 — Internazionale, Ajax. 3 — Bayern Munich, Liverpool, Milan. 2 — Celtic, Nottm Forest, Reims. 1 — Fiorentina, Eintracht F'furt, Barcelona, Partizan, Manchester Utd, Feyenoord, Panathiniakos, Juventus, Brugge, Atletico Madrid, Leeds, Saint-Etienne, Borussia Mg, Malmö FF, Hamburg.**

**CHAMPIONS' CUP — Semi-finals**

**1st legs (April 7)**

**CSKA Sofia 4** (G. Dimitrov 7, Yonchev 12, 49, Zdravkov 17 pen)
**Bayern Munich 3** (Dürnberger 27, Hoeness 32, Breitner 83)
**HT:** 3-2. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Delmer (Fr).

**CSKA Sofia:** Velinov — Bezinski, D. Dimitrov, G. Dimitrov, Tomanov (A. Dimitrov, 46) — Iliev, Kerimov (Alexandrov, 39), Mladenov, Zdravkov — Yontchev, Velkov.

**Bayern:** Muller — Niedermayer, Berlorzer, Augenthaler, Horsmann — Kraus (Pflugler, 55), Durnberger, Breitner, Dremmler, Sigurvinsson (Hoeness, 17) — Rummenigge.

**Aston Villa 1** (Morley 27)
**Anderlecht 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 38,539. **Ref:** R. Ericsson (Swe).

**Aston Villa:** Rimmer — Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught — Bremner, Mortimer, Cowan, Shaw — Withe, Morley.

**Anderlecht:** Munaron — Perusovic, Bross, Lozano, De Groote — Vercauteren, De Greff, Renquin (Jovanovic, 46), Coeck — Cluytens, Petursson (Geurts, 58).

**2nd legs (April 21)**

**Anderlecht 0**
**Aston Villa 0**
**Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz).
*Villa 1-0 on agg.*

**Anderlecht:** Munaron — De Greef, De Groote, Peruzovic, Broos — Coeck, Hofkens (Jovanic 55), Lozano, Vercauteren — Geurts (Frimann 76), Brylle.

**Villa:** Rimmer — Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

**Bayern Munich 4** (Breitner 42 and 47 pen, Rummenigge 65 and 75)
**CSKA Sofia 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Syme (Scot).
*Bayern 7-4 on agg.*

**Bayern:** Jurghans — Beierlorzer, Horsmann, Weiner, Augenthaler, Kraus (Sigurvinsson 76), Dürnberger (Niedermayer 76), Breitner, Hoeness, Dremmler, Rummenigge.

**CSKA:** Velinov — Bezinski, D. Dimitrov, Alexandrov, G. Dimitrov, Iliev, Yonchev (Kerimov 70), Mladenov, Djevizov, Zdravkov, Velkov.

# Lattek knows his job is on the line

## European Cup Winners Cup Final, Barcelona, May 12
## Barcelona versus Standard Liege

**UDO LATTEK will be fired faster than a human cannonball if Barcelona fail to secure the Cup-winners' Cup when they take on Standard Liege in their own stadium.**

Lattek's job would have been on the line anyway if Barcelona had been up against the entertaining holders from Soviet Georgia, Dynamo Tbilisi. But Standard, appearing in a European final for the first time, were rated by far the weakest of the semi-finalists.

That's not to say that Barcelona's victory over Tottenham was by any means predictable. They had certain advantages: the incentive of a 'home' final was one. But they also had their problems. The knee injury which took Bernd Schuster, their midfield general, out of service in midseason was the most important. With Schuster inspiring their attack, Barcelona were walking away with the Spanish league leadership; without him, they squandered a six-point lead.

In sweeper Jose Ramon Alesanco, Danish right-winger Allan Simonsen and centre-forward Quini — the top scorer in Spain for the past two years — Barcelona boast three of Europe's outstanding players in their positions.

But a series of startling home defeats sapped much of the confidence of the younger, more inexperienced, men around them such as Estella (sent off in the White Hart Lane fracas), Sanchez, Manolo, Carrasco and Co. Add to that the uncertain form of both goalkeepers, Pedro Artola and Javier Urruti, and you have a recipe for disaster.

Standard may not have the individual technique and brilliance — but they have a master coach in Raymond Goethals, who knows exactly how to plot a success as if football were a chess board.

Goethals has been ideally suited by the Belgian soccer temperament, for player discipline — both on and off the field — is generally far tighter than in the Latin leagues. The semi-final success against Tbilisi was a case in point. Standard were fortunate that, in the home return, Tbilisi was unsettled because their top stars arrived separately after a national squad tour in South America.

But full credit to the Belgians for the hit-and-run tactics which had earlier brought them success in Tbilisi . . . tactics which they will doubtless repeat in the refurbished, extended and enlarged Nou Camp stadium.

Standard do have star individuals. Simon Tahamata, formerly of Ajax, is a gifted wing raider and defenders such as Gerets, Meeuws, goalkeeper Preud'homme, Plessers and Poel have plenty of experience in the European cauldron.

They face a stiff task in Barcelona. The Spaniards will not only have their club pride at stake, but the final will be a dummy run for the World Cup opening match in the middle of June.

Standard have made admirable progress. But it's hard to see any winner but Barcelona.

**THE ROAD TO THE FINAL . . . Barcelona** beat Trakia Plovdiv 4-1, 0-1 — Dukla Prague 0-1, 4-1 — Lok. Leipzig 3-0, 1-2 — Tottenham 1-1, 1-0. **Standard** beat Floriana 3-1, 9-0 — Vasas Budapest 2-0, 2-1 — FC Porto 2-0, 2-2 — Dynamo Tbilisi 1-0, 1-0.

**PAST FINALS — 1961:** Fiorentina bt Rangers 2-0, 2-1. **1962:** Atletico Madrid bt Fiorentina 1-1, 3-0. **1963:** Tottenham bt Atletico Madrid 5-1. **1964:** Sporting Lisbon bt MTK Budapest 3-3, 1-0. **1965:** West Ham bt Munich 1860 2-0. **1966:** Borussia D'mund bt Liverpool 2-1 aet. **1967:** Bayern Munich bt Rangers 1-0 aet. **1968:** Milan bt Hamburg 2-0. **1969:** Slovan Bratislava bt Barcelona 3-2. **1970:** Man. City bt Gornik 2-1. **1971:** Chelsea bt Real Madrid 1-1 aet, 2-1. **1972:** Rangers bt Moscow Dynamo 3-2. **1973:** Milan bt Leeds 1-0. **1974:** Magdeburg bt Milan 2-0. **1975:** Kiev bt Ferencvaros 3-0. **1976:** Anderlecht bt West Ham 4-2. **1977:** Hamburg bt Anderlecht 2-0. **1978:** Anderlecht bt FK Austria 4-0. **1979:** Barcelona bt Fortuna D'dorf 4-3 aet. **1980:** Valencia bt Arsenal 5-4 on pens, after 0-0 aet. **1981:** Dynamo Tbilisi bt Carl Zeiss Jena 2-1.

WINNERS: 2 — Anderlecht, Milan. 1 — At. Madrid, Barcelona, Bayern, Bor. D'mund, Chelsea, Fiorentina, Hamburg, Kiev, Magdeburg, Man. City, Rangers, Slovan, Sporting Lisbon, Tbilisi, Tottenham, Valencia, West Ham.

# Can Beckenbauer rise to create European history?

## UEFA Cup Final, May 5 and 19
## IFK Gothenburg versus Hamburg SV

**A PIECE of European football history will be made . . . IF Hamburg win the UEFA Cup, and IF Franz Beckenbauer manages to rise from his sick bed to play some sort of a role — even as substitute — in that victory.**

Kaiser Franz, who retires from playing at the season's end, would then become only the second player ever to have landed winner's medals in all three European competitions.

The only previous player to have achieved the European grand slam was the Italian goalkeeper Fabio Cudicini, who won the Fairs' Cup with Roma in 1961, and the Cup-winners' Cup and then Champions' Cup with Milan in 1968 and 1969.

There are few fans around Europe who would begrudge Beckenbauer his medal after all he has given to the game in terms of tactical innovation and entertainment . . . unless, of course, you happen to be Swedish.

### Destruction

For Hamburg's progress into the final thanks to a pretty straightforward destruction job on the unfavoured Yugoslavs of Radnicki Nis, achieved nothing like the domestic acclaim earned by IFK Gothenburg, in forging a path through to meet them.

IFK — nicknamed the Angels — have long been a club with more ambition than ability. But, under the administrative leadership of former prolific scorer Ove Kindvall, they have become only the second Swedish club to reach a European final.

The first such club was Malmo, who appeared in the 1979 Champions' Cup final, and one hopes devoutly that IFK will bring a little more optimism and invention to this occasion.

They will be clear outsiders. But if the early rounds presented them with comparatively easy ties, they were good value for their victories over both Valencia in the quarter finals, and over Kaiserslautern in the semi-finals. Kaiserslautern, who had previously hammered Real Madrid, were over-confident about taking on the Swedes. But it says plenty for the skills and stamina of the likes of Tommy Holmgren, Ruben Nilsson and Dan Corneliusson that, once they had the Germans hooked, they refused to let go until they had landed the catch — albeit thanks to an extra-time penalty in the Ullevi stadium.

In coach Ernst Happel, Hamburg have a man who will not make the mistake of underestimating the Swedes. And over two legs — as the UEFA final is played — Hamburg should emerge winners without too much trouble.

But . . . remember that the Germans have suffered a string of disconcerting injuries this season; and remember too that whereas their players are jaded as they approach the (domestic) end of a tiring season, the Swedes have that freshness born of their spring-to-autumn season.

When Bob Houghton took Malmo to the 1979 Champions' Cup final he forecast that the steady improvement in Swedish football meant that one day one of their clubs would win a European trophy. That's as may be. The fact remains that this may not be the right time for IFK Gothenburg. At any rate, not yet.

**THE ROAD TO THE FINAL . . . Hamburg** beat Utrecht 0-1, 6-3 — Bordeaux 1-2, 2-0 — Aberdeen 2-3, 3-1 — Neuchatel-Xamax 3-2, 0-0 — Radnicki Nis 1-2, 5-1. **IFK** beat Valkeakosken Haka 3-2, 4-0 — Sturm Graz 2-2, 3-2 — Dinamo Bucharest 3-1, 1-0 — Valencia 2-2, 2-0 — Kaiserslautern 1-1, 2-1 (aet).

**PAST FINALS** (FAIRS/UEFA CUPS) — **1958:** Barcelona bt London 2-2, 6-0. **1960:** Barcelona bt Birmingham 0-0, 4-1. **1961:** Roma bt Birmingham 2-2, 2-0. **1962:** Valencia bt Barcelona 6-2, 1-1. **1963:** Valencia bt Dynamo Zagreb 2-1, 2-0. **1964:** Zaragoza bt Valencia 2-1. **1965:** Ferencvaros bt Juventus 1-0. **1966:** Barcelona bt Zaragoza 0-1, 4-2. **1967:** Dyn. Zagreb bt Leeds 2-0, 0-0. **1968:** Leeds bt Ferencvaros 1-0, 0-0. **1969:** Newcastle bt Ujpest 3-0, 3-2. **1970:** Arsenal bt Anderlecht 1-3, 3-0. **1971:** Leeds bt Juventus 2-2, 1-1 (on away goals rule). **1972:** Tottenham bt Wolves 2-1, 1-1. **1973:** Liverpool bt Borussia Mg 3-0, 0-2. **1974:** Feyenoord bt Tottenham 2-2, 2-0. **1975:** Borussia Mg bt Twente Enschede 0-0, 5-1. **1976:** Liverpool bt Brugge 3-2, 1-1. **1977:** Juventus bt Bilboa 1-0, 1-2 (away goals rule). **1978:** PSV Eindhoven bt Bastia 0-0, 3-0. **1979:** Borussia Mg bt Red Star Belgrade 1-1, 1-0. **1980:** Eintracht Frankfurt bt Borussia Mg 2-3, 1-0 (away goals rule). **1981:** Ipswich bt AZ '67 Alkmaar 3-0, 2-4.

WINNERS: 3 — Barcelona. 2 — Borussia Mg, Leeds, Liverpool, Valencia. 1 — Arsenal, Feyenoord, Roma, Dynamo Zagreb, Ferencvaros, Newcastle, Tottenham, Juventus, PSV Eindhoven, Zaragoza, Eintracht Frankfurt, Ipswich.

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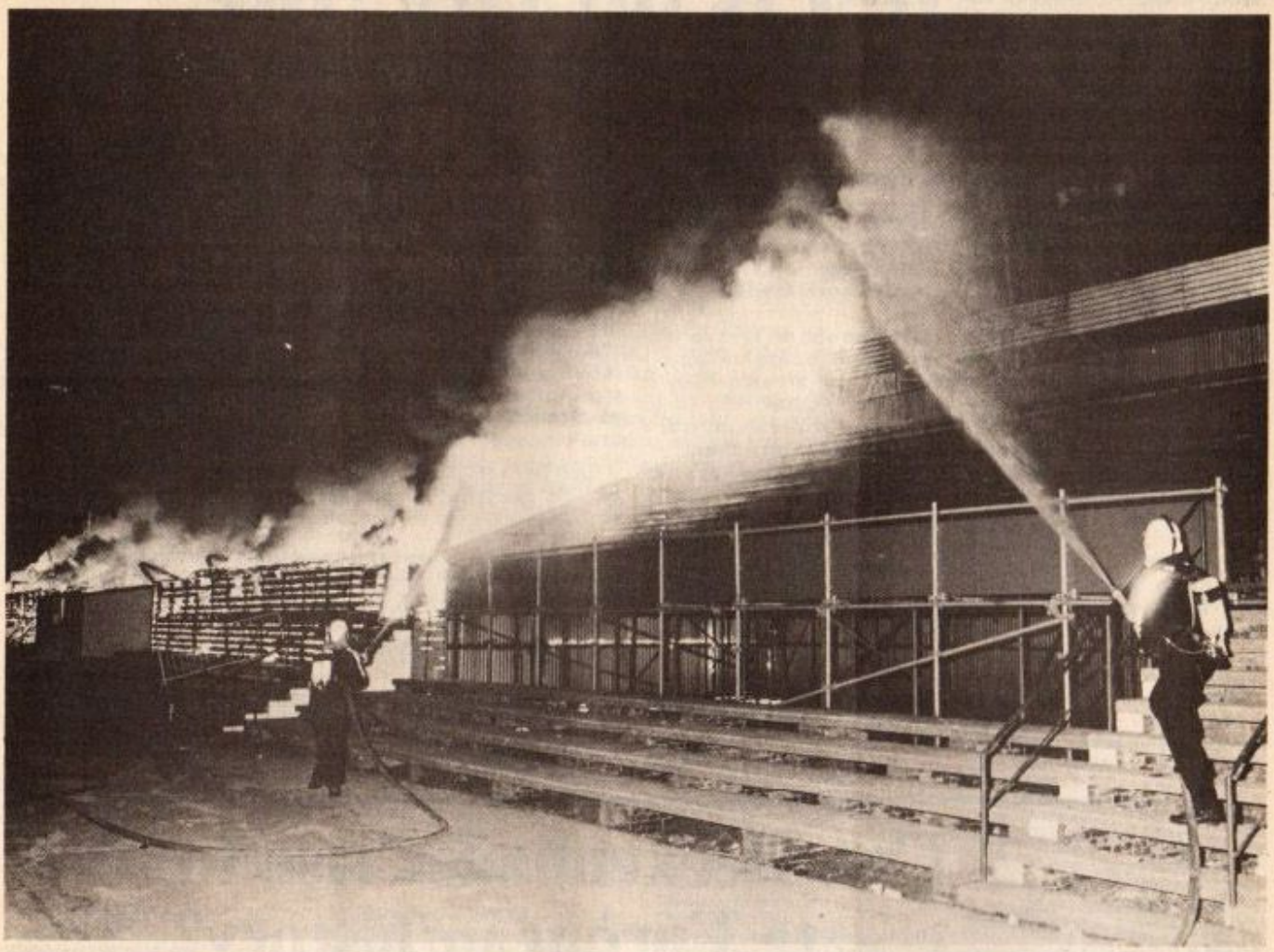


**THE SORRY side of Dutch football (above), as firemen fight to control the fire which burned down the main stand of Den Haag's Zuiderpark stadium . . . a fire probably started by their own fans.**

# Den Haag's ground is set on fire

Den Haag — obviously — are the club who suffer most from the activities of their hooligan fringe.

Only four months after a match had to be abandoned after two bombs were thrown on the field, they again made all the headlines in Holland.

On Saturday April 3, FC Den Haag lost at home 4-0 to Haarlem and because of that result — became almost sure of relegation. For the hooligans this proved too much. During the game they stole one corner-flag and threatened the FC Den Haag-chairman. And after the game they first smashed all the windows of the players' lounge, set fire to a small bowling green building and — finally — at around 3 pm set fire to the main stand that had existed since 1927 and was completely made of wood.

In less than an hour one side of the ground had gone, the flood-light pylons were bent and all light and telephone cables burned away. This put the existence of the club in doubt and only support from the City of The Hague ('We can't let maniacs take over') persuaded the board of the football club to stay on, although their lives are said to be in danger.

It was tough on the football side as well, particularly for manager Cor van der Hart. More than 50 times an international himself, he had a lot of success as a coach with Holland Sport (later merged together with ADO The Hague to become FC Den Haag) and with AZ'67 and the Dutch national team. Van der Hart was also Holland's master spy in the 1974 World Cup.

But last month Van der Hart too was completely overwhelmed by the actions of one man: Johan Cruyff. As manager of FC Den Haag he was not very hopeful before the match for his relegation-threatened team and the Dutch champions-elect (I take that liberty).

## Average

Nothing in the history of Dutch football has worked as good as the return to Ajax of Johan Cruyff. Ajax attendances have more than trebled (from an average of 8,000 to almost 24,000) and everywhere matches are sold out weeks in advance.

FC Den Haag could not cope: they lost 9-1, yet afterwards Van der Hart said that — despite the thrashing of his team — he would not have missed that match for the world. Van der Hart too said that all 20,000 people must have thought: "Johan Cruyff is, at 35, a better player than ever."

The same evening all Holland could watch on TV Germany against Brazil and three days later Germany against Argentina. So there was an excellent chance to compare Cruyff with the talents of this decade: Zico and Maradona. Well, there was nothing to compare Zico, with some very nice toutches, and Maradona, always looking dangerous, were nothing compared with the old master who is not only scoring goals (every one more beautiful than the one before), laying on goals (Cruyff sometimes got more assists than an ice hockey international) but also — during the game — is coaching the youngsters around him.

The story sounds too good to be true, but is not. Week after week Cruyff proves himself still the best player in the world. His speed has not gone, his skill is still there and he is reading the the game in a way no other player ever did before.

Not everything, then, is going wrong . . .

**James Mwambazi reports on the African Nations Cup**

# World Cup finalists disappointing

**MEDIOCRE would be the appropriate word to describe the performance of Cameroon and Algeria in the finals of the 13th African nations cup.**

The tournament itself, as reported in the last issue of the *World Soccer*, was won by Ghana after beating hosts Libya 7-6 on penalties in extra time. The teams were level 1-1 at the end of regulation time.

The performance of Cameroon and Algeria was not worthy of Africa's representatives in the World Cup finals in Spain. If they want to prevent a similar catastrophe to the one suffered by Zaire in the 1974 finals in West Germany then they must make major changes.

The physical fitness and agression which are synonymous with the "lions" of Cameroon were lacking. That they failed to go beyond the group qualifying rounds in Group A, in which they were matched against Libya, Tunisia and Ghana at Tripoli, was not surprising.

Perhaps Cameroon's poor showing could be attributed to the fact that the rules of the competition forbade the use of more than two professional players. Coach Branko Zutic had to settle for two French-based stars in striker Roger Milla and fullback Aoudou Ibrahim. To add impetus to the squad, Zutic also brought in two young stars from the youth team, Ernest Ebongue and Bonaventure Njonkep. But these two lads looked out of their depth.

Perhaps if senior players such as strikers Jean-pierre Tokoto, Martin Maya, Paul Bahoken and defender Michael Kahama had not necessarily been left out, Cameroon could have done better.

Cameroon opened up their chase for the title with a 1-1 draw against Tunisia — who had been brought in to replace Egypt who had withdrawn from the tournament — and then played goalless draws against Libya and Ghana, and went out. To add insult to injury, three players were suspended from three matches to be organised by the African Football Confederation (CAF) for misconduct.

Before the team flew home, an official said: "Our dismal showing poses serious problems for the World Cup. We have to seriously think about a new coach.

"Our team was able to score only one goal in 270 minutes and that is embarrassing for World Cup finalists."

At Press time, Zutic's chances of retaining his job with Cameroon were in doubt and Jean Vincent, formerly of French club Nantes, was flying in to take over.

Algeria on the other hand, could have done much better than settling for the fourth place in the tournament. They were better organised than Cameroon, had superb ball control, but wild shooting let then down.

Algeria started with a 1-0 victory over Zambia at the March 28 Stadium in Benghazi. The goal was scored from 25 yards by Chaarbane Merzakane in the 84th minute following a free kick by Fergani. But Zambia had a goal by Peter Kaumba disallowed for what appeared to be a debatable off-side.

In their second game, the Algerians beat Nigeria, the defending champions, 2-1; their goals coming from Isami (44) and Assad (64). Nigeria's goal was scored by Osigwe in the 39th minute. But then the Algerians played sub-standard football and were held to a goalless draw by Ethiopia.

That draw, however, gave the Algerians five points to top Group B and a place in the semi-finals against Ghana. They were beaten by Ghana 3-2 in extra time and also lost a play-off for a third place to Zambia when they went down 0-2.

Nigeria, who had arrived as defending champions, failed to live up to expectations, too. Apart from beating Ethiopia 3-0 with goals from Stephen Keshi who scored two goals, and Ademola Adesina, the Green Eagles never looked the part. They lost 1-2 to Algeria and 0-3 to Zambia.

It was reliably learnt that the Nigerian minister responsible for Sport had promised a "massive overhaul" of the Nigerian Football Federation and the National Sports Council following the poor performance of the Green Eagles.

Ethiopia could be excused for their poor showing. Despite using their favourite 4-3-3 formation the team lacked verve and were always out-thought by their rivals. They came out of the tournament with just one point, savaged from their goalless draw against Algeria. Most of the players fielded by Ethiopia were youngsters with little international experience. Seven of their senior players, it was understood, sought refuge in Guinea during Ethiopia's World Cup qualifying match against Guinea last year.

As for Zambia, after losing their first game to Algeria, they beat Ethiopia 1-0 with a 70th-minute goal by Peter Kaumba, the best outside right in the tournament. Zambia then caused the greatest upset of the finals when they overturned Nigeria 3-0. The goals were scored by Kaumba, a header (29), Aaron Njovu (80) and Willie Phiri (81).

Zambia, however, were beaten 1-2 by Libya in the semi-finals in Tripoli before beating Algeria 2-0 in a play-off for the third place.

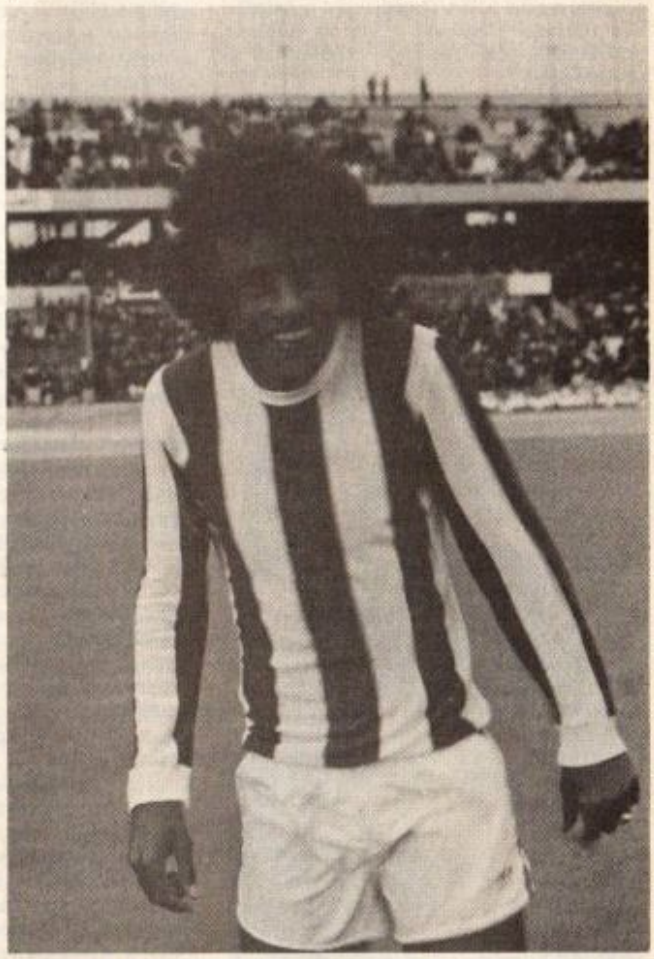
Ghana, the ultimate winners, were a better team in all the departments of the game. Their physical fitness was high and to add icing to their victory, the Ghanaians also won a fair play trophy.

They started their campaign for the title, which they have now won for the fourth time, with a 2-2 draw against Libya, beat Tunisia 1-0 and were then held to a goalless draw against Cameroon. They beat Algeria in the semi finals 3-2 in extra time.

The Ivory Coast will stage the next African Nations Cup, the 14th, in 1984. Ivory Coast were due to host the tournament in 1986, but moved up after the withdrawal of Malawi. If Malawi fail to give convincing reasons for their pull-out, they could be fined between 5,000 to 20,000 Swiss Francs.

Meanwhile CAF have released preliminary qualifying rounds for the 1984 tournament. The draw is: Gabon v Angola, Mali v Gambia, Niger v Senegal, Liberia v Benin, Togo v Sierra Leon, Lesotho v Mauritius, Tanzania v Uganda, Swaziland v Mozambique, Somalia v Rwanda, and Malawi v Zimbabwe.

The following countries have a bye into the second round: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Zaire, Morocco, Nigeria, Guinea, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Cameroon, Tunisia, Congo, Egypt, Sudan and Zambia.



**HASSIN MUSBAH, the 24-year-old Libya mid-fielder from the Ahly Sporting club of Tripoli, missed the African nations Cup because of injury. Musbah has been a star of the Libyan team since 1975 and his favourite international players are Kevin Keegan and Diego Maradona.**

# Only a miracle will stop Spain and Yugoslavia

**GROUP FIVE**
**Spain**
**N. Ireland**
**Yugoslavia**
**Honduras**

**IN MY crystal ball it is clear that short of a miracle, nothing can stop Spain and Yugoslavia qualifying from this group, and while neither side will find it easy to get goals against Honduras and Northern Ireland, I feel sure they will.**

With Messrs Santamaria and Miljanic two very shrewd operators in my opinion, Spain and Yugoslavia will go through to Phase Two and which one wins the group will depend on who wins when they meet in Valencia, or it might even come down to goals difference. On logic, for two reasons, it looks like Spain to take top place because the host country always does well in World Cups — even Mexico in 1970.

Even on the surface there are obvious advantages that accrue to the host country. Spain for example have played a string of friendlies in the last year on the very pitch in Valencia where they will play all their Group 5 qualifying round matches. Then they have fanatical support from the very partisan fans, and the string-pulling off-stage by Spanish officials on the FIFA Organising Committee and Referees Committee, just as England benefited 16 years ago. Spain cannot fail to go through.

I can imagine the wrath of the kind of England fans at the above, those who wear Red, White and Blue blinkers, but if as I have, you have seen some of the old men who run World Football and know of the political in-fighting that goes on, it would make you wonder how any World Cup ever goes smoothly.

We are fortunate to have men such as Northern Ireland's Harry Cavan and FIFA's Deputy Secretary and Press Liaison Officer, Rene Courte, but in the past they have never had enough clout to beat those who rub each others backs and fix things. So Spain will surely go through.

Given home advantage in terms of pitch familiarity and support, Spain could go a long way in this competition on merit. I was really impressed by the quality of their football, and in particular their collective play and outstanding running 'off the ball', when they beat England 2-1 at Wembley last year.

**Juan Jose Estella of Barcelona and Spain who made his national team debut in the 1-1 draw against Spain recently.**

Anyone who saw Jesus Satrustegui's performance that day will not be in doubt about why Senor Santamaria prefers him to Quini, the veteran striker whom the Catalans want to see playing for Espana.

Satrustegui has not scored too many goals for Spain himself, but the way he moves about up front, he pulls defenders all over the place, to create the space into which midfield men come to get passes and score goals. I liked Spain so much that day, really driving home what is wrong with English football, that if they plan as well in June-July I would not complain if they even won the trophy. And for all the betting men taking Brazil and West Germany, it is not beyond Spain if they are at their best when it matters.

Yugoslavia are a very different matter. Miljan Miljanic is as experienced and wily as England's Ron Greenwood, but unlike Ron I would not quite put him in the 'genius' category.

But Miljanic is very, very good indeed and he should steer his side on to Phase Two in spite of the Yugoslavs' age-old problems. His knowledge and experience told in 1974, and will tell again, even if the Yugoslavs do have difficulties scoring goals against really top grade defences.

In the 1974 series I saw Scotland beat Zaire 2-0 and in the last twenty minutes Billy Bremner had clearly decided that the important thing was to stop Zaire scoring and organised a session of keep-the-ball, otherwise known as legal time-wasting.

The Scots paid for that for after drawing with both Brazil and Yugoslavia they failed to reach the Second Round on goals difference because Yugoslavia showed Bremner and Co., what they could have done to Zaire by stuffing them 9-0!

And even a Brazilian team that was poverty stricken in attack beat Zaire 3-0 and that put the Scots out.

Miljanic knows what it's all about and is a fine coach too. Some enterprising English club could do very well to make him their manager and I know he would be delighted to accept if the right club approached him. Money would not be too important to him.

The Yugoslavs will show in Spain that they have everything the English lack — but paradoxically they lack what the English have in abundance: aggression in the penalty area and players who could not play real football to save their lives but know where the goal is and have the knack of putting the ball in. Over the years I have been impressed by all things connected with Yugoslav football — but watch out especially for Zlatko Vujovic of Hajduk Split.

I have seen countless numbers of their clubs over many years, and even their youth team pop the ball around with real skill and are extremely well coached.

They have the balance just right. No matter how many players the Yugoslavs lose to foreign clubs, within 18 months clubs like Crvena Zvezda (Red Star), Hajduk Split and Dynamo Zagreb have gifted new players. They turn good players out like car factories running a production line.

Almost all Yugoslav players are skilful and they get coached properly after being allowed to develop their individual abilities when young. Then they are taught to pop the ball around one-touch and run 'off the ball' and the result is a team who hit the right blend of dribble and quick, simple passing movements that cut open defences like a hot knife going through butter.

But they haven't got natural scoring talent and as so often in the past, this could prevent the Yugoslavs from going all the way to the final. But I am sure that they will impress everyone with their top quality football, the old-fashioned brand that entertains and would pack them in again at Highbury. I rate the Yugoslavs so highly in football terms that I know they will delight all the TV fans, but I fear they will fall down in the matter of goal-scoring and not get as far as their football should take them.

Northern Ireland have pulled off a mini-miracle in qualifying with their mixture of Second and Third Division players from England, blended with some reserve players from First Division clubs. But they owe a lot to the failures of Sweden and Portugal.

I know that many will disagree, but I stand amongst those who feel that Wales and N. Ireland benefit from the fact that they do not have many players to choose from. The result is that even an idiot manager could not make sweeping changes for every game, as happened often over the years before Ron Greenwood gave England a coherent policy and planned every step of the way. The Irish, like all English defences, are built to withstand an aerial bombardment and their back four are very good at that. They defend in depth and with numbers, run themselves into the ground and with better players up front they would be even better.

Honduras are another of those sides who would never get into the final stages of any World Cup if I had my way. If I was in a position to command I would have a CONCACAF group and then organise home and away qualifying games with teams from Europe who just failed to qualify. This time that would mean Honduras and El Salvador playing off final matches against sides like Holland, East Germany, Wales and Portugal and then we would not see a CONCACAF team in the final stages again until their game had developed fully — and that, if for economic reasons, will take a long time.

For Honduras I am sure that goalkeeper errors will cost them for their keepers are unhappy against the ball in the air. Their keeper will be helped a lot by centre-back Anthony Costly who is built like a bull and is quick and excellent in the air.

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# Lack of goals may cost Brazil the World Cup

**GROUP SIX**
**Brazil**
**Scotland**
**Russia**
**New Zealand**

**THE gambling fraternity have made Brazil the favourites to win the World Cup, but although I was delighted and fascinated by their first twenty minutes at Wembley last year when they beat England (quite deservedly) by 1-0, I have yet to be convinced about their attack.**

Brazilian football, at its best in those glorious first twenty minutes last May at Wembley is a joy to watch, but I have serious doubts about their ability to turn all their mastery into goals.

Two points worry me, though I saw no reason for a poor referee to have disallowed Brazil's second Wembley goal . . . for a foul by an England player just seconds before Reinaldo whacked the ball past Clemence. That would have more fairly reflected the difference in class between England and Brazil.

But I was not at all convinced by Brazil's front three and that is why I do not think Brazil will win the big pot for the fourth time. To put my doubts even more strongly, I would not be a bit surprised if Russia held Brazil to a draw in the opening Group Six game in Sevilla, or even if the Russians beat them!

I did like right-winger Paulo Isidoro who plays as a modern winger should — up like the Matthews-Finney raider when Brazil have possession, and back in midfield foraging for the ball when the enemy has the ball. But Paulo Isidoro does not get many goals, and that is ominous.

The poorest player in the Brazilian line-up at Wembley was left-winger Eder whose biggest contribution was to half assassinate Ray Wilkins with his block-buster of a free-kick. But Eder did little of note, does not get goals either and my advice to Tele Santana would be to replace him. The ideal would be a new, left-sided striker, another Pele of 1958 vintage but such players do not grow in trees, even in Brazil.

If not a Pele, then at least a Rivelino would do me if I was in Santana's shoes, for if I really believe that you cannot play real football without at least one winger (and preferably two), they have to earn their keep. By that I mean that they have to work at least a little bit, and they have to get inside and get goals to supplement those of the main strikers.

I was not even much impressed by Reinaldo. In my book the outstanding players were Oscar and Luisinho who played like masters at the heart of the Brazilian rearguard, and the midfield trio, Toninho Cerezo, Socrates and Zico.

Left-back Junior is also very good and chips in with a few goals, but if Brazil have obtained a good run of results it is the scorers of their goals that worry me. Junior for example has twice in less than a year contributed the winning goal in matches against West Germany while most of Brazil's goals have come from the midfield men and the back players.

The team that wins the World Cup has to have goalscoring forwards — and for all their talents, Brazil do not appear to have any.

Tele Santana may yet come back around to Reinaldo — though his fitness is in question — but he has given games in recent months to a string of centre-forwards including Roberto who failed dismally with FC Barcelona, and other number nines he has tried out include Baltazar and Serginho; significantly too Mario Sergio has been given several games on the left wing.

Of course, it could be that Mr. Santana is only blooding reserves in case they are needed in Spain, as many other intelligent bosses are right now, but I rather feel that Santana shares my view that his strikers don't knock in enough goals, and he is looking desperately for some new blood that can do the job for him in Spain, where it counts — up front.

Russia are my dark horses for this World Cup for I have been very impressed by them. Their midfield players are very difficult to mark because instead of running with the ball, I saw them in the Wales-Russia game at Wrexham, playing the ball back to defenders, the full-backs and 'libero' Chivadze and then making blind-side runs looking for the ball back in space. I really liked that, but even more I like the look of the Russian strikers. It is a paradox, but at a time when the professionalised Western world is handing out transfer fees of £1 million or more, even in poverty-stricken England, and not many of them are that good anyway, the Russians have developed four really good men who have the priceless knack of getting goals.

Oleg Blokhin is of course well known but for Dynamo Kiev he is very much a marked man and too much alone. But if opponents pay too much attention to tight-marking and covering him and his quick, skilful runs, both with and without the ball, then they will inevitably leave spaces that will be exploited by other talented strikers like the Dynamo Tbilisi pair, Ramas Shengelija and Vitali Daraseliya. I really rate this pair, and in addition there is centre-forward Yuri Gavrilov who was the Russians' First Division top scorer when Spartak Moscow took the championship.

And if I was impressed by Brazil's Luisinho, his opposite number in the Russian camp, Alexander Chivadze, can do everything just as efficiently at the back and also do it *à la Beckenbauer* and move up in open play to hammer spectacular goals, as he did at Upton Park when Tbilisi assassinated West Ham.

If manager Konstantin Beskov takes his courage in both hands and plays an attacking team against Brazil, and all the players I have named are included and fully fit, then I can see the Russians pulling off a major upset and beating the men representing the CBF.

I feel sure that Russia will qualify from this group, just as I am sure that New Zealand will not.

On paper it looks like Brazil and Russia, and it might be if *Tovarich* Beskov chickens out and goes for a defensive formation.

But if, as I hope, Beskov goes out to beat them, then I can just see Scotland coming into the picture with a chance.

While England are lucky, for a change, to have a boss who knows the game AND how it is played abroad, so too are Scotland, for Jock Stein brings a new dimension to the Scottish camp.

Of course, he cannot satisfy the Glaswegians who have told me they want an all-Tartan team, because Stein knows that it would be murdered. But if I wish he would take Martin Buchan and play him as a 'libero', I cannot otherwise quarrel with anything Stein has done. He has built two teams it seems to me, and is now busy blooding reserves who may be needed if unexpected injuries occur. Team one played away to Sweden and Israel in qualifying games, kept it tight at the back with a packed midfield and snatched goals from breakaway attacks.

So if my heart tells me that I want Brazil and Russia to go through, my head is simultaneously flashing messages that Scotland could do it the Italian way and beat one of them 1-0 and that would be enough.

**Oscar, outstanding for Brazil in recent matches.**

**ERIC BATTY**

# The World Cup Finalists

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**WORLD CUP holders Argentina could line up nine of the players who beat Holland for the title in 1978 plus their brightest star, Diego Maradona, when they defend their title in Spain this year, but they are nevertheless awakening to the fact that they are likely to have a very difficult time.**

National team coach Cesar Menotti may be the envy of almost all the other 23 coaches taking their teams to Spain this year because he has been able to get his players together earlier than any of them for exclusive World Cup preparations (and without club commitments) — four months before leaving for Spain — but all these apparent advantages have not lead him to believe that they are just going to Spain to bring the trophy back.

In spite of the thorough and lengthy preparations and frequent get-togethers for periods during recent years — which have been Menotti's hall mark since he took over the job in October, 1974, Argentina have not won any of their last five internationals (four of them at home and the other on neutral ground just across the River Plate) versus Brazil 1-1, Poland 1-2, Czechoslovakia 1-1 and 0-0 and West Germany 1-1. In itself this may not be so alarming as many of the leading countries tend to show poor form as they warm up for the World Cup finals, but their performances showed all too clearly that Argentina are short in attacking power and frequently disjointed in midfield and slack in defence.

And that lengthy preparation — during which the players are shut away in training camps — merely helps to offset a number of problems which other coaches do not have to put up with, the main ones being: a) Virtually no club in Argentina, and none which supplies players for the national squad, employs the kind of tactics used by the national team. Clubs are far more defensive minded than Menotti's squad and the coach has to try and change their mentality completely and even teach then basic things, which they do not learn at their clubs, in some cases; b) The country's economic problems have not escaped the professional football players most of whom are not paid on time, or not at all, have continual frictions with their clubs over contracts and need a lengthy period away from all this to get into the right frame of mind mentally to face a World Cup campaign.

But back to the nine men who won the 1978 World Cup final and are still there:

Goalkeeper *Fillol's* reflexes are not as fast as they were then when many thought he was the best goalkeeper in the world . . . While flank defender *Tarantini* is possibly a better player now, and more dangerous in attack, the centre of the defence (with *Galvan* now 34) has slowed down, which has resulted in captain *Passarella* not going up so much as before and midfielder *Gallego* having to drop back more than he should . . . *Olguin*, on the other flank, has maintained his level, but plays better for his club in the centre . . . Menotti hopes that when *Ardiles* returns from England in April the problem of midfield transportation will be solved. Barbas, outstanding in the team which won the Junior World Cup in 1979, has never been able to fullfil Ardiles' role.

But the real problem lies up front. The two missing from the 1978 final line-up are winger Ortiz (who never regained his form after lengthy illness) and centreforward Luque, now 33 and past his best after changing clubs three times within a year. Menotti has not been able to replace either. Diaz, the centre-forward who shone in the 1979 Junior World Cup (as its leading scorer), has never quite fulfilled his promise. In spite of his fast spurts, he finds difficulty getting past markers.

And as for wingers, local club soccer plays virtually without wingers and there are hardly any in the country. One of the few, experienced internationals, Santamaria, withdrew for personal reasons, so Menotti is eagerly awaiting 1978 World Cup star *Bertoni* (who may not be released by his Italian club, Fiorentina — which has league title aspirations — until the last momemt) and in desperation has asked Spain's Zaragoza to release Valdano (who has been in the squad before, but not in internationals) for a 30-day trial.

That leaves *Kempes*, the 1978 World Cup top scorer, who is not the same today. Menotti had set a lot of hopes in his link-up with Maradona . . . which so far has not been successful. On top of that, in recent times the national team had come to depend more and more on Maradona's flashes of brilliance and inspiration which have lately become fewer and fewer as the young player finds difficulty in getting away from his close markers in every match (as explained more fully apart).

Menotti admits that his main problem is from "three-quarters of the field forward" as he calls it, but adds that it is partly because all local club teams have the same problem, because their main preocupation is to score a goal and defend it any way possible "by kicking the ball as far away as possible". His attack lacks surprise,

Argentina's Maradona (left) gets behind Poland's Skobowsky in a recent international.

**from Eric Weil**

which could be partly a midfield problem, but also a lack of orthodox wingers and wing play (centralising play too much) and he is still searching for a pair of players in attack with the understanding of Pele-Coutinho with Santos or Bettaga-Rossi for Italy to do those unstoppable one-two's.

But Menotti has not got many more opportunities to try out against top opposition — two, in fact, at press time with full internationals against the Soviet Union and Romania in April. And altogether, the team may have had too few warm-up matches. Shut away at training camp, first at Mar del Plata and now nearer Buenos Aires at a new and luxurious sports centre owned by a sportswear firm (Adidas), the players have two daily training sessions, but do not play with their clubs since the middle of February and this could have cost them competitive edge. The 23-man squad includes nine River Plate players and the first choice eleven may also include six, but River Plate plays so different to the national squad these days that this fact is unlikely to help team work.

The squad will continue at this training camp, with players being allowed to go home only from Saturday mid-day to Sunday evening, until May 28 when they are scheduled to leave for Spain. Unusual perhaps (in other countries) was the visit of Argentina's president, General Galtieri, to talk at length with Menotti and the players. But the general, apart from being a soccer fan, was perhaps doing a bit of image seeking and attempting to show that there was no bad feeling between his government and Menotti who had recently spoken out strongly against present conditions in the country and its rulers.

While other countries were busily qualifying for the finals last year, Argentina played exactly four full internationals — two in the Gold Cup "Mundialito" tournament in Montevideo, beating West Germany 2-1 in perhaps their best recent performance and drawing 1-1 with Brazil against whom, under Menotti (since October, 1974) they have still not been able to win — and two towards the end of the year at home, a 2-1 defeat by Poland and a 1-1 draw with Czechoslovakia, in both of which they gave unsatisfactory performances.

But they say a coach, or his team, is only as good as the latest performance. This year, so far, only two full internationals have been played and in the first — the 0-0 draw with Czechoslovakia in Mar del Plata — Menotti could not include six River Plate players who had been suspended by their club for 35 days just before the squad went into training in mid-February (which has been commented on in *World Soccer's* last issue).

So of most significance perhaps was the last match played against serious cup rivals West Germany in Buenos Aires, except that the Germans were without a number of their leading (injured) stars — notably Rummenigge — who would have made a lot of difference to the side. The most significant points for Argentina to come out of this 1-1 draw were that Maradona was completely marked out of the

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game by Mathaeus (who three days earlier had also marked out Brazil's star, Zico, in Rio) . . . and without Maradona's inspiration the whole team lacked just that — inspiration — and surprise in attack except for that second half equaliser which Calderón scored precisely from a Maradona pass . . . And Kempes never put a foot right and was substituted all too late eight minutes from the end.

The two coaches, Menotti and Derwall, seemed to be the only two persons at the stadium who were satisfied with the performances of their teams, because the 75,000 fans who packed the River Plate stadium to make the scene reminiscent of the 1978 World Cup final there, were not. They had expected a lot more of World Cup favourites West Germany and, of course, of their own team too.

Menotti is expected to try and retain the World Cup with the same kind of soccer and tactics with which he won it in 1978, but of course he is finding this much more difficult with no proper wingers and wing play. He also does not have the striking power he had before (as mentioned), nor the rapid mid-field transportation which, however, he hopes Ardiles will give him. He also feels that today one can no longer play with a stopper or submit opposing stars to endless persecution all over the field . . . which are both debatable points.

Goalkeeper *Ubaldo Fillol*, named the best in the 1978 World Cup finals and undoubtedly the best in the country, but his reflexes and anticipation which made him so difficult to beat with shots from all angles and penalties, may have slowed down a bit.

Goalkeeper *Hector Baley*, the regular second choice who seems to be a favourite of Menotti's but is criticised by many. Has made several moves lately and has sometimes not been first choice for his own club. Has let in many soft goals and tends to unsettle his defence when appearing unsafe, but he had an outstanding game against West Germany in the last match which has silenced many critics.

Goalkeeper *Nery Pumpido*, generally accepted as the second best in the country, but has not yet been given a game in the national team.

Defender *Alberto Tarantini* has kept up his high standard without ups and downs, a hard worker in every match, good ball control and constant threat in attack with great experience gained from 55 full international appearances at the age of only 26.

Defender *Luis Galvan*, the veteran of the squad at 34. One of the heroes of the World Cup final win over Holland in 1978, but has slowed down and rarely moves up, though he is firmly backed by Menotti.

Defender *Jorge Olguin*, talented and technical player with a good shot with which he has scored several goals, although he does not move up as much as Tarantini on the other flank.

Defender *Daniel Passarella*, the captain and Menotti's right hand man. A strong, sometimes rough defender, who moves up when he can, specially for corners and free-kicks, because he is a good header in the penalty area and has a powerful shot for free kicks and penalties which has actually helped to make him leading scorer in the team under Menotti (with 22 goals).

Defender *Jose Van Tuyne*, versatile and useful reserve for both central defensive positions. Moves up little, but is difficult to beat in the area.

Defender *Enzo Trossero*, another good reserve who is more attack-minded and was actually leading scorer with his club in France (Nice) last year.

Defender *Julio Olarticoechea*, versatile and good in various positions, but untried in the national team.

Half *Americo Gallego*, Argentina's most capped player with 70 international appearances, hangs back more to cover loopholes in the middle. He is very strong, if not too fast, and is a key man in the team although not very technical as a player.

Half *Osvaldo Ardiles*, agile, and intelligent for organising play and fast midfield transportation. High hopes rest on his slim shoulders that his presence will overcome a lot of current problems.

Half *Juan Barbas*, could never quite fill Ardiles' shoes while the latter was away playing in England although he was a star of the Junior World Cup winning team in 1979. A more defensive players which is not precisely what Menotti needs in his position.

Half *Diego Maradona*, the team's star on which the others often depend too much. Outstanding ball control, precision passing, maker and scorer of numerous goals, but liable to close marking which he can often not escape, although one of the few who can cause surprise in attack.

Midfielder *Patricio Hernandez*, Maradona's natural reserve as no room is likely to be found to play alongside him in this team packed with midfielders (which has forced Menotti to leave out such players as Ricardo Villa). Hernandez is a good organiser, intelligent and strong left footer with a powerful shot which has brought him a lot of goals in club soccer, but has only made seven international appearances. Prefers the simple and direct approach.

Midfielder *Daniel Valencia*, another controversial player amply backed by Menotti who has also been tried on the wing (due to lack of players for this position).

Forward *Daniel Bertoni*, one of the few classic wingers available, agile, powerful shot and one of the 1978 stars. Has played little in the national team since as he went to Fiorentina (Italy) where he is one of the stars and a lot is expected of him when he returns . . . which may not be until the last moment once the Italian season is over.

Forward *Mario Kempes*, top scorer of the 1978 World Cup finals, versatile plays all over the field, but is no longer what he was, though still difficult to stop for defences when he gets going because of his strength.

Forward *Gabriel Calderon*, a good winger for either right or left from the 1979 Junior World Cup winning team. Has done well on his few (4) international appearances, but is likely to be a reserve.

Forward *Ramon Diaz* never quite fullfilled expectations after becoming top scorer of the 1979 Junior World Cup. Very fast, specially in spurts with ball, but not good at getting past markers.

Forward *Santiago Santamaria*, intelligent winger with experience who could be of much use to the team, but he withdrew for personal reasons in February and, although now available, Menotti has not called him up again.

Forward *Raul Chaparro*, small, but hard worker with an eye for goal. Top scorer in last year's first division championship, he gave a good performance as a second half substitute in his only international (against Czechoslovakia) so far.

The average age of this squad would be 26.6.

**Authority: Asociacion del Futbol Argentino (founded 1893; FIFA 1912).**
**Population: 25 million; total players 299,895.**
**World Cup achievement: 1930 runners-up; 1966 quarter finals; 1978 Champions.**
**Finals appearances: 1930, 1934, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1974, 1978.**
**Manager: Cesar Luis Menotti. Record in charge: 75-39-21-5-144-73.**
**1982 qualification: Automatic, as holders.**

**ARGENTINA'S 22 WORLD CUP POSSIBLES**

| *Goalkeepers* | *Club* | *Age* | *Caps* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ubaldo Fillol | River Plate | 31 | 29 |
| Hector Baley | Talleres Córdoba | 31 | 15 |
| Nery Pumpido | Velez Sarsfield | 24 | — |
| *Defence* | | | |
| Alberto Tarantini | River Plate | 26 | 55 |
| Luis Galvan | Talleres Córdoba | 34 | 25 |
| Jorge Olguin | Independiente | 29 | 55 |
| Daniel Passarella | River Plate | 28 | 54 |
| Jose Van Tuyne | Racing Club | 27 | 11 |
| Enzo Trossero | Independiente | 28 | 1 |
| Julio Olarticoechea | River Plate | 23 | — |
| *Halves* | | | |
| Americo Gallego | River Plate | 27 | 70 |
| Osvaldo Ardiles | Tottenham Hotspur (England) | 29 | 47 |
| Juan Barbas | Racing Club | 22 | 21 |
| Diego Maradona | Argentinos Juniors | 20 | 24 |
| Patricio Hernandez | Estudiantes de La Plata | 25 | 7 |
| Daniel Valencia | Talleres Córdoba | 26 | 39 |
| *Forwards* | | | |
| Daniel Bertoni | Fiorentina (Italy) | 27 | 26 |
| Mario Kempes | River Plate | 27 | 42 |
| Gabriel Calderon | Independiente | 21 | 4 |
| Ramon Diaz | River Plate | 22 | 16 |
| Santiago Santamaria | Newell's Old Boys | 29 | 7 |
| Raul Chaparro | Instituto Córdoba | 29 | 1 |

**Also in current training squad: Edgardo Bauza (Rosario Central defender, 24, one cap), Enzo Bulleri (River Plate half, 25, one cap), Jorge Gordillo (River Plate defender, 20, no caps).**

# The World Cup Finalists

# RUMMENIGGE TRUMP CARD

## from ARTHUR ROTMIL

**THE national team's recent record suggests that they can win the World Cup. Since Jupp Derwall took over in 1978, upon the retirement of Helmut Schön, the West Germans have only been beaten by Brazil and Argentina, the two countries now bracketed with them as potential winners of the 'Mundial 82'.**

Certainly, the Germans have a World Cup record second only to Brazil: Twice champions in 1954 and 1974, runners up in 1966, third in 1934 and 1970, fourth in 1958. The Germans hold a unique record of never having lost a World Cup qualifying tie and in fact "skated" to the finals in Spain with the most impressive results of all qualifiers — played 8, won 8, goal tally 33-3.

Their achievements are even more remarkable when the European exploits are added on: Twice European champions in 1972 and 1980, runners up in 1976. West Germany clearly boasts today the outstanding team in Europe and Derwall has yet to be beaten by a European side. Whether the present team is strong enough to triumph in Spain, is of course another matter which the team manager does not like to discuss. The Germans have never been at ease in the role of favourites, some players, it is said, tend to become arrogant especially when egged on by the sensational Press and often struggle against modest opposition dismissed in the forecasts as "easy".

Fortunately the manager and the more professional media representatives try to keep the right balance and stick to reality. There is little doubt that the Germans will be among the 3-4 top teams seen in the World Cup, for they have many fine players. In the recent European "Footballer of the Year" poll, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Paul Breitner and Bernd Schuster took the first three places. And Hrubesch, as well as Stielike, also received votes. Yet, the country's most authoritative sports publication 'Kicker-Sportmagazin' claims in their annual half-yearly ratings, that they only have three world class players — goalkeeper Schumacher, full-back Kaltz and Rummenigge.

Contrary to the popular notion of "teutonic" thoroughness, the Germans will in fact have the shortest World Cup preparations of all competing squads. The Bundesliga championship ends on May 29 — just 14 days before the start of the world series. The squad will not prepare at Malente, near Hamburg, as before other world finals but in the mountains.

After the testimonial match in Hamburg on June 1 for the record capped Franz Beckenbauer who is retiring from active football, the Germans will travel to the Hotel Hetzel near Schluchsee in the Black Forest. They will spend a week there and then three days on home "leave", before assembling in Frankfurt.

On June 12 the expedition will leave for Spain where quarters are booked in the hotel "Principe de Asturias", in Gijon. So, while most other squads will be training together for weeks, manager Derwall is convinced that long periods in training quarters cause boredom, irritability and frustration. Certain European players do not respond to being cooped up together like in any army camp and their performances suffer as a result of too much regimentation.

West Germany will open their World Cup campaign with a match against Algeria on June 16. Algeria are generally rated the best of the six outsiders, not least because they have so many professionals who play in France and Belgium. It is worth noting, that West Germany only once met Algeria before in a friendly in 1964 and lost unbelievably 0-2!

Next match is against Chile on June 20, remembering that in the World Cup of 1974 on their own ground in Berlin, the Germans only scraped a 1-0 win over these underrated South Americans. Finally on June 25 they meet Austria, whom they know so well and although they lost 2-3 in the 1978 series, the Germans have since beaten them three times.

There is a mood of confidence in the German camp that they should reach the second stage in which incidentally they will avoid Brazil and Argentina. This from a psychological point of view is important and could be conducive to their chances. If Derwall has any problems with the composition of the side then they are firstly concerning the spare midfield positions. Injuries to Hansi Müller, Felix Magath and the wayward Bernd Schuster, who all suffered long periods of inactivity, are forcing the team manager to re-examine his options.

Müller was out for nearly four months following a cartilage operation. He returned to the side on the South American tour and played very well against Brazil and Argentina. Schuster sustained badly damaged ligaments and other complications in his right knee, on December 13 playing for Barcelona at Athletic Bilbao. He refused treatment in Spain but journeyed instead to Germany where he was operated on in Cologne.

But subsequently there were stories of little progress, of Schuster's

**Back row left to right: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Felix Magath, Miroslav Votava, Hans Peter Briegel, Harald Schumacher, Bernd Dietz. Front row: Hansi Müller, Klaus Allofs, Rainer Bonhof, Karl-Heinz Förster, Manny Kaltz.**

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unwillingness to co-operate with the doctors and even ignoring their advice. A lot of the blame was put on the attitude of his wife Gaby, who it is said could not care less whether her husband plays in the national side or not.

If all these stories are true, then there must be a large question mark, not only against Schuster's participation in the World Cup, but also against his soccer career as well. Since his widely reported conciliatory talks with DFB-president Dr. Hermann Neuberger, in which he expressed the wish to play for his country again, there has only been speculation as to whether the gifted player will be fit to play football this summer.

Magath's international future was also threatened after a knee operation which revealed not only cartilage damage, but also the existence of gristle in the knee cap. He was thought to be out of action for at least two months and could have problems regaining fitness and match practice before the final run-in to the World Cup. Derwall has the option of moving Briegel into midfield if necessary, or even Stielike, but he will probably decide on the latter as his number one 'libero'.

This position has been causing Derwall some concern not so long ago. Since Franz Beckenbauer bowed out of the national side in 1977, the Germans tried ten different 'liberos' — Kaltz, Tenhagen, Schwarzenbeck, Zewe, Cullmann, Stielike, Niedermayer, Bonhof, Schuster and Hannes. Not one could adequately replace "Der Kaiser". Recently, first choice was Uli Stielike, but because of his club commitments with Real Madrid he was not always available for friendly internationals.

Stielike has been playing in Madrid in midfield, but Derwall has quite clearly made up his mind, as was seen on the South American trip, that Uli is his first choice 'libero', with Hannes as understudy.

Where the Germans are short of cover is at full-back. Kaltz is the only recognised full-back, now that Dremmler has moved up to midfield to partner Breitner. Briegel plays for his club either in midfield, or in the centre of the defence. Dietz's international career ended against Brazil a year ago; that leaves Bernd Förster as the only tried full-back alternative, but Briegel remains the first choice at left back. Karl-Heinz Förster, one of the best stoppers in Europe, is automatic choice as No. 5.

In goal Harald "Toni" Schumacher is undisputed, but behind him the young Eike Immel and the veteran Bernd Franke are jockeying for position. Remarkable is the story of Franke (Eintracht Brunswick). The now 34-year-old, nicknamed "the Eagle", looks back on a ten-year career as international class 'keeper which was littered with bad luck. In 1972 he suffered concussion which prevented the trip to the European Championship finals in Belgium. In 1974 Helmut Schön preferred Mönchengladbach's Wolfgang Kleff as his no. 3 for the World Cup. In 1976 Franke stayed home on "stand by", while others played in the European Finals in Yugoslavia. And finally in 1978 his blackest memory — before the imminent departure of the national squad to the Argentina world series, he broke his ankle in the last test match!

But Franke persevered even though he had to wait over four years for his next call-up. In the recent match v. Portugal he came on as substitute for his first match since November 16, 1977 . . .

In midfield the Bayern pair Breitner and Dremmler are now firmly established. They could be partnered by Müller and the brilliant Matthäus. Unless of course Schuster and Magath are fully recovered in time. Knocking on the door is also Stefan Engels, from Cologne. Derwall demonstrated his willingness to experiment when he took two newcomers to South America, the midfielder Engels and striker Frank Mill (Borussia Mönchengladbach), who were both used as substitutes against Brazil and Argentina. For the 21-year-old Engels the World Cup may have come too soon, but a great international future is prophesied for this versatile schemer, since Breitner is 30 and Magath not far off it.

Up front Derwall can choose from two prolific goalgetters at centre-forward. The irrepressible Klaus Fischer is currently preferred to Horst Hrubesch, the Hamburg captain. Fischer has indeed underlined his claims with regular goals for the national team — 30 in 37 internationals. Both are exceptionally strong in the air, but the concept of playing Fischer and Hrubesch together has not been a success. Derwall will most likely persist with the tricky Littbarski who created such a strong impression when scoring twice on his debut against Austria last October and he is a natural winger, so that with Rummenigge the Germans would have two players wide on the flanks. Derwall already warned that he may alter his tactics depending on the opposition. And that means a switch to 4-4-2 if necessary.

Tactically the Germans have one major problem to solve. Most of their leading sides have abandoned the traditional "Manndeckung" (man-for-man marking); teams like Bayern and Hamburg now use zonal marking in defence and close markers just outside their penalty area. In fact, most coaches in Germany have declared man-for-man marking dead. Derwall will have to make up his mind which type of defence he prefers to use.

One man he will never omit is Rummenigge. Twice running Europe's "Footballer of the Year", the popular "Kalle" is still Germany's trump card. He played his 50th international v. Portugal, but missed the South American tour because of injury which put him out for a few weeks.

I feel, on reflection, that not too much should be written into the Germans' defeat v. Brazil 0-1 and the 1-1 v. Argentina. They badly missed the injured Rummenigge, Magath, Schuster and against the Argentinians also Fischer, injured in Rio. Rummenigge's transformation from a cherubic youngster given to blushing in exalted company to a world star on and off the field, has been quite startling. The blond, blue-eyed striker, who trained as a bank clerk, joined Bayern in 1975. He cost the club a laughable £4,500 and owes his progress to Dettmar Cramer, then in charge of team affairs.

Today he is worth millions — the "professor" Hennes Weisweiler describes him as "the best footballer in the world". He earns £125,000 a year basic from Bayern and about the same again from promotions.

**Authority: Deutscher Fussball-Bund (founded 1900; FIFA 1904-45, 1950).**
**Population: 62 million; total players 3,611,431.**
**World Cup achievement: 1934 third. 1954 Champions. 1958 fourth. 1962 quarter-finals. 1966 runners-up. 1970 third. 1974 Champions.**
**Finals appearances: 1934, 1938, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970, 1974, 1978.**
**Manager: Jupp Derwall. Record in charge: 37-27-6-4-95-31.**

**European Group One**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Germany | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 3 | 16 |
| Austria | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 11 |
| Bulgaria | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| Albania | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 22 | 2 |
| Finland | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 27 | 2 |

**West Germany scorers: Rummenigge 9 — Fischer 7 — Kaltz 5 — Breitner 3, Littbarski 3 — Schuster 2 — Briegel 1, Dremmler 1, Magath 1.**

**West Germany — Probable World Cup Squad**

| *Goalkeepers* | Age | Caps |
|---|---|---|
| Harald Schumacher (1. FC Köln) | 28 | 24 |
| Bernd Franke (Eintracht Brunswick) | 34 | 6 |
| Eike Immel (Borussia Dortmund) | 21 | 3 |
| *Defenders:* | | |
| Hans-Peter Briegel (1. FC Kaiserslautern) | 26 | 25 |
| Bernd Förster (VfB Stuttgart) | 25 | 13 |
| Karl-Heinz Förster (VfB Stuttgart) | 23 | 33 |
| Karl-Heinz Geils (Arminia Bielefeld) | 26 | 0 |
| Wilfried Hannes (Borussia Mönchengladbach) | 24 | 5 |
| Manfred Kaltz (Hamburger SV) | 29 | 58 |
| Ulrich Stielike (Real Madrid) | 27 | 22 |
| *Midfield:* | | |
| Paul Breitner (Bayern Munich) | 30 | 39 |
| Wolfgang Dremmler (Bayern Munich) | 27 | 10 |
| Wolfgang-Felix Magath (Hamburger SV) | 28 | 19 |
| Lothar Matthäus (Borussia Mönchengladbach) | 21 | 5 |
| Hans Müller (VfB Stuttgart) | 24 | 34 |
| Bernd Schuster (CF Barcelona) | 22 | 14 |
| Stephan Engels (1. FC Köln) | 21 | 2 |
| *Strikers:* | | |
| Klaus Fischer (1. FC Köln) | 32 | 37 |
| Horst Hrubesch (Hamburger SV) | 30 | 15 |
| Pierre Littbarski (1. FC Köln) | 21 | 5 |
| Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich) | 26 | 50 |
| Frank Mill (Borussia Mönchengladbach) | 23 | 2 |

**Caps as at April 8.**

# The World Cup Finalists

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## from ERIC WEIL

**BRAZIL, the only country which has played in the final stages of all 11 World Cup tournaments so far and has won the trophy three times — more than any other country — apart from one second and two third places, is once again one of the favourites to win the trophy in Spain this year.**

Their path to the final could hardly have been easier. Getting past Bolivia and Venezuela in their South American qualifying group was a mere formality and they did it by winning all their matches, but it is their form since then — mainly in beating England, France and West Germany on a tour to Europe last year — which has made them strong candidates to carry off the trophy for the fourth time.

Reared on the legendary exploits of greats such as Pele, Didi and Garincha, Brazilian soccer fans found nothing to celebrate during the last two World Cups in 1974 and 1978 when their country finished fourth and third, but in a move which has delighted soccer followers everywhere, the new national team coach, Tele Santana, has attempted to turn the clock back in a bid to produce the old magic by throwing strict "modern" tactics to the winds, play more attacking soccer and letting his stars show all their skills. He is on the way to succeeding.

And months before the World Cup enthusiasm in Brazil was already at fever pitch. Schools and businesses are already making plans to arrange days off on match days or have TV sets installed on the days Brazil plays . . . and even the army command is considering giving all its men, except those on guard duty, the day off. If they didn't do that, nobody would do any work anyway.

## Major problems

In the past the country has practically been paralysed on these days. Bars and homes become mini-stadiums with fans cheering in front of TV sets. Streets are empty. Banks and other businesses close and buses and taxis disappear off the streets.

But Brazil has three major problems only two months before their first World Cup match against the Soviet Union who with Scotland and New Zealand make up group six:

(1) They have not been able to concentrate their World Cup squad for preparations — at press time it had not even been picked — like the other South American World Cup finalists, Argentina, Peru and Chile, because the players were not being released by their clubs while they were engaged in the national championship — a tiring affair involving a lot of travelling all over this vast country and playing three matches a week. This, in turn, produces injuries and no time to recover from them.

(2) Tele Santana hopes to be able to get part of his squad together around the middle of April from the clubs eliminated from the final stages of the national championship, but this group is not likely to include many of the leading stars . . . and when he finally gets the whole squad together around the end of April, he can not be sure how many of the players will be fit enough for a World Cup campaign.

(3) Santana has almost given up hope of finding a centre-forward to fit into his scheme. He has so far tried eight men in the position, but none have convinced him (nor the fans) and he had no further international matches scheduled against top opposition before the World Cup for further trials.

## Outstanding

It seems contradictory that in a country of so many outstanding footballers where this business of winning the World Cup is taken so seriously, no centre-forward to fit into the national team can be found and the FA has not been able to arrange its domestic programme to give the players more free time from league matches as the tournament approaches.

Among those tried at centre-forward have been Roberto "Dinamita", the country's leading league scorer of 62 goals with Vasco da Gama last season who has, however, never been able to reproduce his league form in the national team. Roberto's chief problem seems to be that he needs two conventional wingers to feed him, but in the Brazilian team the wingers converge on goal to somewhat duplicate the centre-forward's play. Roberto passes well, but Serginho, another candidate and leading scorer with 35 goals last season with his club, Sao Paulo FC, shoots better, although also having some problems in this respect. Serginho, however, has an incredible capacity in protecting the ball from the opposition.

Roberto played in the 1978 World Cup team and fitted in better under Coutinho's more rigid tactics, while Reinaldo, who also played in 1978, is another candidate who, however, has fitness doubts following a series of injuries and has also got into Santana's bad books because of his rough play. In desperation, Santana called up young Careca for his first cap against West Germany in March — Brazil's last scheduled match against top opposition — and although he showed some neat touches, he naturally lacked experience and the "fire" of leading goalscorers.

A minor problem to be faced by Santana is who to leave out from his strong midfield of Toninho Cerezo, Zico and Socrates once Falcao joins the squad from his Italian club (Roma), although Cerezo has a FIFA suspension and will not be able to line up in the first match against the Soviet Union. Santana has the option of playing all four talented midfielders and put the tall Socrates or Falcao into the No. 9 shirt. Socrates has been tried there before, also without too much success.

Also serious could be the absence of first choice left winger Ze Sergio who has been out of action for eight months during which he had four operations on his leg and arm. He is working hard, reportedly with "12,000 daily exercises", but may be losing his battle for full fitness . . . and Brazil's centre-forward problems could, as mentioned, stem from the wings.

## Impressive

**Brazil's World Cup record is impressive, as mentioned at the outset and although this may be past history, their recent record is hardly less impressive.**

In 16 full internationals last year they were only beaten once — by a much fresher Uruguay in the final of the "Mundialito" tournament in Montevideo. Their previous defeat — and their last at home — came somewhat surprisingly against coming group rivals, the Soviet Union (2-1) in 1980 when the latter were preparing their squad for the Olympic Games. It showed up Brazil's continued attack failings against disciplined and packed European defences which was, however, not so evident on their successful tour last year.

More important perhaps is, however, their most recent record in three internationals at home this year. While they beat East Germany 3-1, no one was impressed against what looked like weak opposition. Next came Czechoslovakia who played defensively and stopped the Brazilian attack which also only took one of its chances through Zico and then Berger equalised for the Czechs in the final minute.

The last match, against World Cup favourites West Germany, was deservedly won 1-0 by Brazil although flank defender Junior — who had an outstanding game — only showed his forwards how with the only goal eight minutes from the end. Brazil was not at full strength due to injuries, but nor was West Germany with European Player of the Year Rummenigge the most notable absentee.

The Germans, coming out of below zero temperature into Rio's heat only just before the match, also seemed somewhat out of touch and it was their third defeat in a row within 15 months against the Brazilians — they lost 4-1 in Montevideo (Mundialito) and 2-1 at home — but their narrowest in an even, but poor, match. Their midfielder, Matthaeus, however, managed to mark Zico out of the game . . . which was unusual and a bad sign for Brazil.

Brazilian teams have, however, never given impressive performances leading up to the World Cup and in this case there was the added handicap of the arduous national championship being on at the same time which left the players tired out and with no time to train together.

The large TV audience around the world which saw Flamengo beat Liverpool for the world club championship in Tokyo last year will find a lot of similarities between the style of the Brazilian club and the national team even though the two squads do not now have the same coach as was the case in the time of Claudio Coutinho during the last World Cup.

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Tele Santana prefers to attack and take risks for the sake of scoring goals. "My philosophy is simple," he says. "When opponents control the ball, this should be a worry for all my players who must work to get it off them and close open spaces. When we have the ball, the order for all — even the defenders — is to attack." As mentioned apart, he opposes all rigid playing schemes which anull the creativity of the individual player.

Bare results have shown that his ideas are right and his team has also shown that it can play good soccer, not only individually but as a team, because for Santana the most important thing at the moment is to "perfect our ball control with good passing and fast combinations". This is what he hopes will break down European defences — the team's chief stumbling block and "achilles heel" in recent times.

## Concentrate

As mentioned, the Brazilian squad will not be able to get together until the end of April due to club commitments and Tele Santana will only announce his squad just before. They will concentrate at a training camp belonging to the Cruzeiro club in Belo Horizonte. The squad is scheduled to leave for Portugal for a week's acclimatisation on May 30 and will then move on to Sevilla where they play their first World Cup match a week later.

Leading candidates for the squad of 22 are (see separate list for full names and other details):

**Valdir Peres,** the first choice and undoubtedly Brazil's best goalkeeper in a land not over strong in goalkeepers, he is best known for his penalty stopping, good anticipation (although it failed him in the Mundialito final against Uruguay) and outbursts of bad temper. He was in the 1974 and 1978 World Cup squads, but only became a regular last year.

**Paulo Sergio** (goalkeeper), good reflexes and reach, but lacking in experience with only three international appearances so far.

**Carlos** (goalkeeper), fearless in taking ball off opponents' feet and better than most with high crosses, was in the 1978 World Cup squad and has played more frequently in national team (13 times).

**Leandro** (defender), a good attacking flank defender who fits in well with Tele Santana's all-attack policy, good ball control and precise passing.

**Oscar** (defender), a veteran first choice who played in 1978 World Cup and then had a spell with the New York Cosmos. Safe with high and low balls, but sometimes slow to go into attack.

**Pedrinho,** enthusiastic defender who marks and recuperates well. Was in the squad for the "Mundialito" last year, but has not played any internationals.

**Luizinho** (defender), one of Santana's discoveries, he seems a magician at taking the ball from the feet of advancing forwards with apparent ease and some commentators say he plays as if he was skating on ice and that he is the best back in the world.

**Junior** (defender) backs up the attack with precision passes and frequently moves up for shots at goal — like the winner against West Germany in March. But he also defends very well with calmness and experience when under pressure and was one of the key players in Flamengo's trophy winning campaign last year.

**Edevaldo** (defender) is fast, covers a lot of ground and gets back into his position quickly.

**Edinho** (defender) fast and likes to mix with forwards, but with tendency not to get back to cover in time. Played in last World Cup and is equally good with head and feet.

**Juninho** (defence) is a good marker, but sometimes loses control when under pressure.

**Zico** (half) . . . we've said it all elsewhere.

**Falcao** (half) is the only player from abroad (Roma, Italy) who is so good that Santana has found it necessary to ask for his release. When playing with Internacional in Porto Alegre he always used to organise play. He is fast, has excellent ball control and breaks up attacks as well as creating them with the same ease.

**Socrates** (half) always used to put his university studies before his soccer career and is now a fully fledged doctor. Tallest of the team (1.90m) he shoots equally well with both feet, converts most penalties with his habitual calm, his speciality being passing backwards to fool rivals.

**Toninho Cerezo** (half), a veteran international with 60 internationals behind him who has the energetic, agile and individually creative play which Santana wants which is why he fits in better now than in the last World Cup team under Coutinho.

**Renato** (half or forward), good ball control and team player, but weak in the air and occasionally slow to cover.

**Paulo Isidoro** (forward), very fast, runs a lot and can be relied upon to "inject" energy into the rest of the team. Good at reaching goal and getting past tall defenders.

**Roberto Dinamita** (forward), a 1978 World Cup striker and leading scorer in domestic soccer who has never shown his best in the national team. An opportunist for goals, shoots better with his right and good at taking penalties, but needs conventional wingers to feed him (of which there are none in the team, as mentioned).

**Mario Sergio** (forward), a newcomer (two games), good dribbler with excellent ball control.

**Eder** (forward), fast and always with tendency to go direct for goal. Strong with free kicks and throw-ins, but has bad temper which has resulted in frequent sending off.

**Serginho** (forward), leading scorer in league games and the best shot of all those tried at centre-forward in the national team and also a good header, but he is also bad tempered.

**Ze Sergio** (forward), another 1978 World Cup veteran although only 23 and outstanding in last year's "Mundialito". Excellent ball control and dribbling, but his participation will depend on whether he gets fit in time from a series of injuries suffered last year.

These 22 possibles include eight men from the last World Cup squad and Tele Santana has occasionally said that his ideal line-up would be Valdir Peres; Leandro, Junior, Oscar, Luisnho; Toninho Cerezo, Zico, Socrates or Falcao (three of four or all four if leaving out recognised centre forward); Paulo Isidoro, Roberto Dinamita (?) and Ze Sergio . . . a side to win the World Cup if at its best.

**Authority: Confederacao Brasileira de Futebol (founded 1914; FIFA 1923 — previous authority).**
**Population: 108 million; total players 112,755.**
**World Cup achievement: 1938 third. 1950 runners-up. 1954 quarter finals. 1958 Champions. 1962 Champions. 1970 Champions. 1974 fourth. 1978 third. Finals appearances: 1930, 1934, 1938, 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970, 1974, 1978 (only country to have appeared in all finals tournaments).**
**Manager: Tele Santana. Record in charge: 27-20-5-2-61-17.**

**S American group one**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brazil | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 8 |
| Bolivia | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Venezuela | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 2 |

**Brazil scorers: Zico 5 — Socrates 2, Tita 2 — Reinaldo 1, Junior 1.**

**BRAZIL'S 22 WORLD CUP POSSIBLES**

| Goalkeepers | Club | Age | Caps |
|---|---|---|---|
| Valdir Peres Arruda (Valdir Peres) | Sao Paulo | 30 | 19 |
| Paulo Sergio de Oliveira (Paulo Sergio) | Botafogo | 27 | 3 |
| Carlos Roberto Galo (Carlos) | Ponte Preta | 25 | 13 |
| **Defenders** | | | |
| Jose Leandro Souza Ferreira (Leandro) | Flamengo | 21 | 4 |
| Jose Oscar Bernardi (Oscar) | Sao Paulo | 27 | 42 |
| Pedro Luis Vicencote (Pedrinho) | Palmeiras | 22 | — |
| Luiz Carlos Ferreira (Luizinho) | Atletico Mineiro | 23 | 23 |
| Leovegildo Lins Gama Junior (Junior) | Flamengo | 27 | 34 |
| Edevaldo de Freitas (Edevaldo) | Fluminense | 23 | 15 |
| Edno Nazareth Filho (Edinho) | Fluminense | 26 | 45 |
| Alcides Fonseca Junior (Juninho) | Ponte Preta | 23 | 3 |
| **Midfielders** | | | |
| Arthur Antunes Coimbra (Zico) | Flamengo | 29 | 69 |
| Paulo Roberto Falcao (Falcao) | Roma (Italy) | 28 | 20 |
| Socrates Brasileiro Oliveira (Socrates) | Corintians | 27 | 32 |
| Antonio Carlos Cerezo (Toninho Cerezo) | Atletico Mineiro | 26 | 60 |
| Carlos Renato Frederico (Renato) | Sao Paulo | 24 | 15 |
| **Forwards** | | | |
| Paulo Isidoro de Jesus (Paulo Isidoro) | Artemio | 28 | 31 |
| Carlos Roberto de Oliveira (Roberto Dinamita) | Vasco da Gama | 27 | 38 |
| Mario Sergio Pontes de Paiva (Mario Sergio | Sao Paulo | 31 | 4 |
| Eder Aleixo de Assis (Eder) | Atletico Mineiro | 24 | 18 |
| Sergio Bernadino (Serginho) | Sao Paulo | 28 | 12 |
| Jose Sergio Presti (Ze Sergio) | Sao Paulo | 23 | 2 |

## The World Cup Finalists

# MORE QUESTIO CONFIDENCE

### from KEIR RADNEDGE

**ITALY enter the World Cup finals propelled more by question marks than by quiet confidence.**

Can Paolo Rossi leap a two-year suspension from all football and carry on as if nothing had happened? Can Roberto Bettega raise those scarred and wearied legs for one last campaign? Can Giancarlo Antognoni forget all about that stunning head injury?

And, most of all, can Enzo Bearzot learn from the mistakes of 1978?

Italy's World Cup record is, on paper, a proud one. They have won on two occasions, been runners-up once and fourth once. But the truth behind those figures is more revealing. The two victories were both pre-war, one on home ground, in 1934. In 1950, 1954, 1962, 1966 and 1974 the Italians, for all their huge reputation, flopped. In 1958 they were even eliminated in the qualifiers by Northern Ireland.

Admittedly, in 1950, they were tragically hit by the Superga air crash a year earlier which had wiped out the entire first-team squad of Torino, the champions who numbered 10 full Italian internationals including the key inside-forwards Ezio Loik and Valentino Mazzola.

But even in 1970 and 1978 — when they finished second and fourth respectively — they flew home not to unreserved applause (that has come later) but to justified criticism. In 1970 their campaign staggered along despite the unbelievable refusal to work Gianni Rivera and Sandro Mazzola into the same team.

Rivera and Mazzola were two of the finest inside-forwards of their era anywhere in the world, let alone in Italy. Manager Ferruccio Valcareggi generally used the one to substitute for the other at half-time — an astonishing admission of managerial incompetence.

Other teams, other nations, have had their personal and positional rivalries to sort out, and succeeded. In that very 1970 World Cup, the West Germans dove-tailed Uwe Seeler and Gerd Müller; today the Soviet Union are among the most dangerous nations because of the partnership of two players once thought so similar they could never play together — Shengelia and Blokhin.

Perhaps Valcareggi thought at the time that he couldn't afford to play an extra attacking man. Defeatism again — the sort to which Bearzot fell victim in Argentina. In their decisive second round tie against Holland the Italians were 1-0 up at half-time and just about in control; not only that, but such a score virtually placed them in the Final.

But Bearzot, constricted despite his own better nature by the cynical conservatism of Italian domestic football, decided to replace the dangerous right-winger Franco Causio with more pragmatic Claudio Sala at half-time.

The Dutch grasped the initiative thus given away, hit back to win 2-1, and earned a place in the Final instead.

Can Bearzot hold firm to his positive principles this time and see that Italy live up to that glamorous reputation? For glamorous is what Italian football always appears beyond its own borders. Clubs such as Juventus, Internazionale and Milan — despite their present relegation-zone plight — are among the world's most famous. They played their part in bringing excitement and novelty to the game through their efforts, even before the last war, to introduce the cream of the world's players to the Italian league.

And the Italian national team didn't object either. The 1934 World Cup-winning squad of Vittorio Pozzo included three Argentines in centre-half Luisito Monti and wingers Raimundo Oris and Enrico Guaita. A star with Roma, Guaita scored the semi-final winner against Austria and conjured-up the equaliser which took the Final against Czechoslovakia into extra time.

Even though only two of that team survived to 1938 — inside-forwards Meazza and Ferrari — the foreign connection remained, thanks to the converted Uruguayan centre-half Michele Andreolo. And in the 1950s the South Americans continued to lead the attack. Uruguay's 1950 World Cup-winners Alcides Ghiggia and Juan Alberto Schiaffino were but two of a host of double internationals who also included the famous Argentine "Angels with Dirty Faces" — Maschio, Angelillo and Sivori.

But the days of the foreign legion were numbered, the final axe falling in the wake of that staggering 1-0 defeat by North Korea in the 1966 finals in England. It was not then until two years ago that the borders were raised to one import per team; from next season two will be allowed. And the Italian game could go backwards again.

But that is away in the future. The immediate concern is Spain, where it seems Bearzot must once again rely on the Juventus backbone, no matter that once again this season the Zebras have been found wanting in international competition, being tipped out of the Champions' Cup by Anderlecht in only the second round.

Irreplaceable in goal is Dino Zoff, who hasn't missed a league game since he joined Juve from Napoli a decade ago. Zoff is due to top 100 caps for Italy — a record — at the start of the finals, but whether he ought to be there is another matter. Now 40, Zoff has been winning international prizes since as far back as 1968, when Italy landed the European Nations' championship. But his reflexes appeared to have been exposed by the long-shooting of Ernie Brandts and Arie Haan in Argentina four years ago and however magnificent his past, Zoff's present is definitely a doubt.

In his favour is the fact that he will be surrounded by Juve colleagues in defence. Sweeper Gaetano Scirea is one of the best and smoothest in Europe. A converted inside-forward, he was immaculate in Argentina providing a cultured, skilled contrast to the iron tackling of full-back Claudio Gentile and the speedy recklessness of Antonio Cabrini.

Another key member of the Juve club for the *Azzurri* is Marco Tadelli. He is gathering a worrying collection of expulsions in big matches without yet displaying the all-round character of that fearsome hatchet-man of the past, Romeo Benetti. Maybe this will be Tardelli's World Cup; but most observers will be hoping instead that Spain provides the stage for Giancarlo Antognoni to live up to all the beautiful words pouring upon him half a dozen years ago.

**Back row, left to right: Dino Zoff, Roberto Bettega, Alessandro Altobelli, Gaetano Scirea, Fulvio Collovatti, Claudio Gentile.**
**Front row: Antonio Cabrini, Giampiero Marini, Bruno Conti, Francesco Graziani, Marco Tardelli.**

ITALY

# N MARKS THAN FOR BEARZOT

Then he was the new Golden Boy. Today, as captain of championship-chasing Fiorentina, he remains an enigma. His skull fracture at the start of the year appears not to have affected his confidence or balance. But psychologically? The World Cup is the supreme testing ground and Antognoni knows only too well that outside Florence he has more antagonists than admirers. In the 1980 European championship finals he was brilliant against England. But too often since then he has lapsed into anonymity during a game and was frequently substituted by Bearzot.

At least in Torino's Giuseppe Dossena, Bearzot now has a man with finesse and the touch of class needed if he should decide that Antognoni isn't up to the job of organising the counter-attacks.

For, make no mistake, Italy's tactics in the finals will be ones of counter-attack. Conditioned by their clubs, Italy's players know no other way of playing. That much is obvious from the number of occasions their clubs have failed to make the expected recovery at home after losing by only a single goal in away matches in Europe.

Juventus, against Anderlecht earlier this season, were prime examples. The Italians aren't geared to opening up a game by themselves. That's why Haiti embarrassed them so memorably in West Germany in 1974, and why Cameroon might trouble them again in Spain.

Peru's mixture of veterans and tyros the Italians understand; let 'em come. But the unknown non-entities from Africa could be a more worrying proposition.

That's why the Rossi-Bettega tandem is so vital. Depending, as they do, on counter-attack, the Italians need to take every chance they make — because there won't be that many.

How much match play Rossi will bring to the World Cup is in question. At the most he will have had three league games at the season's end. But Juve coach Giovanni Trapattoni has made it clear that if Juve and Fiorentina are still neck-and-neck in the title race, he won't introduce Rossi for Bearzot's sake and risk upsetting his own club.

Rossi could, therefore, step into the World Cup with next to nothing to help him bridge the gap between now and 1980, when he was suspended for his role in the betting and bribes scandal. Rossi is optimistic. He has, at least, been able to work hard in training with Bettega as the senior partner recovers from his knee injury. And, as Helenio Herrera has noted, circumstances mean that both men will come to the finals comparatively fresh, instead of with the tired legs which ultimately led to their fall in 1978.

Other strikers vying for places in Spain will include top league scorer Roberto Pruzzo of Roma and Fiorentina's Francesco Graziani. And Graziani, for one, could be an unfortunately disruptive influence if he has to make way for Rossi, since he's been the main striker for Italy since the Juve star's suspension.

Graziani returned with a bang in the qualifiers. Italy won 2-0 away to Luxembourg for starters, with goals from Fulvio Collovati and Bettega, and then defeated Denmark by the same margin, with Graziani scoring the goals. Some more 2-0 wins followed — against both Yugoslavia and Greece. This time the goals were shared between Cabrini (penalty) and Bruno Conti against the Slavs, and by Antognoni and Scirea in Athens.

There was a temporary set-back at the end of last season, when a tired team went down 3-1 in Copenhagen against Denmark. But last autumn saw the *Azzurri* scrap their way through to Spain, even if they had to be content with second place behind Yugoslavia in the group.

All in all, not an easy task ahead for Bearzot, the one-time Italy, Inter and Torino wing-half who has been in sole charge now for six years. Lately he has taken a lot of criticism from players (such as Antognoni and Evaristo Beccalossi) from fellow coaches (such as Edmondo Fabbri) and even from federation officials.

He will, however, remain in charge despite rumours to the contrary, at least until after the finals. He was certainly stung by attacks alleging that he went to Spain just to look at hotels rather than gen up on the opposition, and he hasn't hesitated to hit back.

Cornered on questions of team performance, he says: "Certainly we haven't been outstanding this season, but remember that we made virtually sure of qualifying for the finals by winning the first four matches in our group. It was only natural that our concentration faltered a little after that.

"The Mundialito in Uruguay was really a waste of time, and then we collected a series of injuries and a lot of unjust criticism. Remember, we have lost little more than a dozen matches out of 60 in the last seven years, years in which we have had to rebuild the team's style.

"I am satisfied with progress. We wanted to qualify for Spain first and foremost — and here we are."

Bearzot has been accused — like Greenwood, Venglos and various others — of maintaining too much faith in his senior players. But the Italian manager is aware of the new crop of young stars emerging through the ranks.

He says: "It doesn't matter if a player is young or old. I know all about the potential of boys such as Galderisi (Juventus), of Mauro (Catanzaro), of Franco Baresi and Battistini (Milan), and of Mancini (Bologna). But I can assure you that an old stager such as Causio could still be a part of my plans in Spain. I know he's now 33, but his transfer from Juventus to Udinese last summer seems to have given him new life."

It's a tough life, being manager of an Italian team. Even if Italy do well in record-book terms, Bearzot could still find himself a vilified scapegoat on the return home.

His record is a good one, though not as ecstatically brilliant as some of those who lionise him from afar would have everyone believe. Spain '82 could be the making or undoing of Enzo Bearzot. It's a pity that ultimately his reputation will stand or fall entirely on a string of uncertainties — those question marks hanging over the Italians' attempt to become the first European nation to win the World Cup three times.

**Authority: Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio (founded 1898; FIFA 1905).**
**Population: 56 million; total players 833,564.**
**World Cup achievement: 1934 Champions. 1938 Champions. 1970 runners-up. 1978 fourth.**
**Finals appearances: 1934, 1938, 1950, 1954, 1962, 1966, 1970, 1974, 1978.**
**Manager: Enzo Bearzot. Record in sole charge: 46-23-12-11-61-44.**

**European group five**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yugoslavia | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 7 | 13 |
| Italy | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 12 |
| Denmark | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 8 |
| Greece | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 7 |
| Luxembourg | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 23 | 0 |

**Italy scorers: Graziani 3 — Collovati 2, Bettega 2, Conti 2 — Cabrini 1, Antognoni 1.**

**POSSIBLE WORLD CUP SQUAD**

| *Name* | *Club* | *Pos* | *Age* | *Caps* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dino ZOFF | Juventus | GK | 40 | 97 |
| Ivano BORDON | Internazionale | GK | 31 | 9 |
| Giovanni GALLI | Fiorentina | GK | 24 | 0 |
| Gaetano SCIREA | Juventus | SW | 29 | 47 |
| Claudio GENTILE | Juventus | FB | 28 | 54 |
| Fulvio COLLOVATI | Milan | CB | 25 | 24 |
| Antonia CABRINI | Juventus | LB | 24 | 32 |
| Pietro VIERCHOWOD | Fiorentina | FB | 23 | 2 |
| Franco BARESI | Milan | SW | 22 | 0 |
| Marco TARDELLI | Juventus | MF/FB | 27 | 53 |
| Gabriele ORIALI | Internazionale | MF/FB | 29 | 19 |
| Giancarlo ANTOGNONI | Fiorentina | MF | 28 | 59 |
| Giampiero MARINI | Internazionale | MF | 31 | 9 |
| Giuseppe DOSSENA | Torino | MF | 24 | 7 |
| Bruno CONTI | Roma | OR | 27 | 13 |
| Francesco GRAZIANI | Fiorentina | CF | 29 | 51 |
| Roberto BETTEGA | Juventus | AT | 31 | 42 |
| Paolo ROSSI | Juventus | CF | 25 | 19 |
| Alessandro ALTOBELLI | Internazionale | CF | 26 | 9 |
| Roberto PRUZZO | Roma | CF | 27 | 6 |
| Domenico MAROCCHINO | Juventus | AT | 25 | 1 |
| Franco SELVAGGI | Cagliari | OL | 29 | 3 |

**Note: ages correct as they will be on June 13. Caps correct as at April 8.**

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# QUALIFICAT
# AND THEY AR

**from ERIC BATTY**

**KUWAIT'S Brazilian manager-coach is Carlos Alberto Parreira, not to be confused with the Carlos Alberto who played right back in the 1970 World Cup Final.**

This Carlos Alberto was born 39 years ago in Rio de Janeiro and christened Carlos Alberto Gomes Parreira, and in Brazil he was known as Carlos Parreira. To the Kuwaitis he is 'Captain' Carlos.

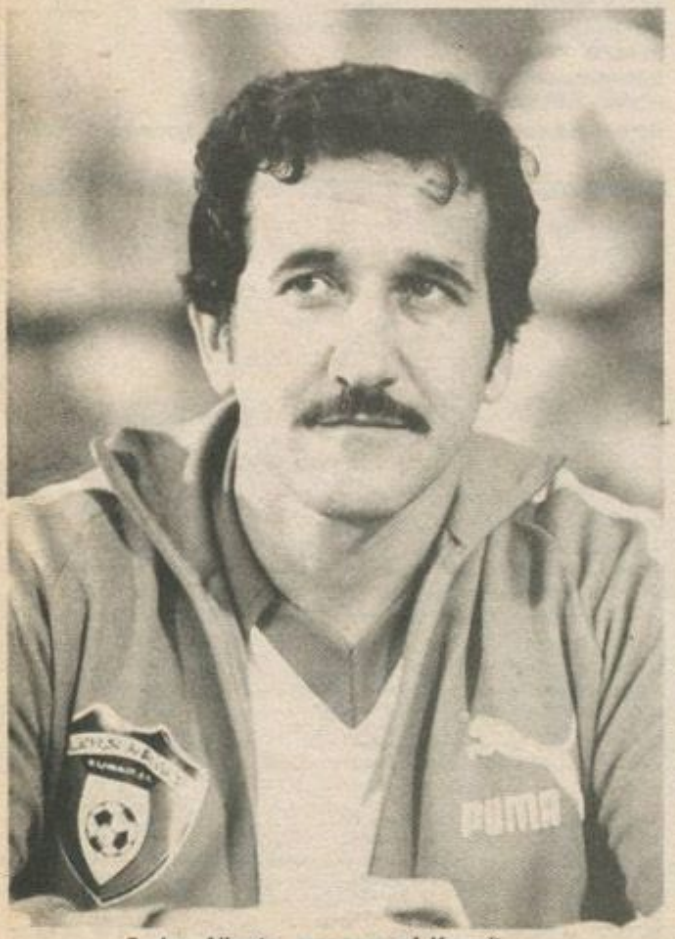
By his own admission he was a very poor goalkeeper playing with Division Two teams of Rio, and told me. "I realised very early that only the very top players can earn real money from playing and I decided it would be better to study and gain qualifications to be a Physical Education teacher and also a qualified football coach.

"Then again the real sparkle of football really hit me when I was only 15. That was in 1958 when Brazil won the World Cup for the first time and I saw in Brazil the joy and happiness that spread over the entire country. The players, coaches and officials welcomed home like heroes, and from that moment I had no doubts about what I wanted to do with my life. Today I am very happy about that decision and thanks be to God, so far I have been successful."

## Guided

He had a string of jobs, mostly as assistant manager and Physical trainer and before steering Kuwait to the World Cup Final stages his proudest achievement would probably be to have guided Fluminense to the Rio League championship in 1974.

From 1970 to 1974 he worked too with the Brazilian national team, first under Zagalo, Jorge Mario Zagalo who as 'El Lobo' . . . the wolf, helped win the 1958 World Cup as a withdrawn left winger and the only man to have taken the World Cup both as player and manager. Then, together with 'Chirol' today his assistant in Kuwait, he worked under the late Claudio Coutinho. Since 1976 he has been in Kuwait, first as Zagallo's right hand and later after 'El Lobo' resigned in 1977, Carlos Alberto worked along throughout 1978 and most of 1979. Then in August of that year he was joined by 'Chirol' and a squad of Brazilian *preparadores* for the Youth team, a specialist goalkeeper coach and a massage man.




Carlos Alberto, manager of Kuwait.

Kuwait's success in qualifying is no fluke for they have worked hard and improved steadily since they won the Gulf Cup — for national teams bordering on the Persian Gulf — in 1970, 1972 and 1974 under their own steam and guidance. Then they did it again with Brazilian help in 1976 and very significantly they have just done it again, this time with their reserve squad.

The Kuwait FA backed first Zagalo and then Carlos Alberto Parreira with all the necessary administrative work and practically unlimited amounts of money. They competed in many tournaments in Asia for experience and in 1980 won the Asian Cup, beating South Korea 3-0 in the final. Kuwait also qualified for the 1980 Olympic Games soccer tournament, beating Iraq 3-2 in Baghdad to clinch their trip to Russia.

There they acquitted themselves very well indeed, showing a lot of skill and imagination and a very high degree of application. Three results there underline their progress. They beat African champions Nigeria (3-1) and lost to the host country, Russia, by only 2-1 in the quarter final. But significantly they also drew 0-0 with Czechoslovakia who eventually won that Olympic competition.

## Long road

To qualify for the World Cup Kuwait travelled a long road and their most difficult opponents were China who beat them 3-0 on their own soil. Then after taking three points from the very physical New Zealand, Kuwait made sure of winning their final qualifying round group by beating China 1-0 in Kuwait.

I find it interesting that Saudi Arabia chose to go English and finished bottom in the final group with just one point from six games after spending a small fortune. But Kuwait chose Brazil as their guide and won the group by two clear points, leaving China and New Zealand to play-off in Singapore for second place.

Tactically, Kuwait are almost a replica of Brazil's successful formation in 1958, playing to a 4-3-3 system with a right winger upfield with two central strikers. They can, however, switch to 3-3-4 with a left winger up too.

But in common with practically all the emerging football countries of Asia and Africa, including the Arab world, the Kuwaitis suffer from an insufficient diet when young. So that speed, strength and stamina are the areas in which their players are suspect.

To allow for this, Kuwait play with the emphasis on skills and good passing with the ball predominantly on the ground. Concentrating on keeping possession they try to build up their attacks slowly, then whoosh, away they go, speeding the game up when the right opportunity presents itself. That of course is the way I think the game should be played.

## Maximum

No one can play good football at maximum speed for 90 minutes — as English clubs try to do it. And if you play slowly throughout the game you will never win anything in this modern world. So it has to be slow-slow-slow in the preparation, and then away like lightning when the opening has been created.

This is precisely how Kuwait try to play it, and in Spain they could give someone a nasty surprise. I do not of course guarantee it, but it is definitely possible.

The most gifted Kuwaiti player is right winger Fahtih Kamil who is very quick and a skilful dribbler. He sometimes scores 'solo' goals, waltzing round everyone on his own, but more frequently uses his talents to set up chances for the major scorers, Faisal Al-Dakhil,

## KUWAIT

# ON NO FLUKE
# E IMPROVING

Ahmed Al Tarabulsi, goalkeeper and captain.

Jasem Yaqoub and Abdul Aziz Al-Anbari.

But the best player is left sided striker Jasem. He moves around a lot, making himself 'available' and easy to find with good passes that he 'turns on' to go at goal and either shoot himself or create a shooting position for a colleague.

Tall, strong and quick, Jasem has good skills, can shoot equally well with either foot but his biggest weapon is heading which is exceptionally good for an Arab and on a par with the standard in Europe. But Kuwait should not give much away in defence. Goalkeeper Ahmad Tarabulsi is not very tall but at 35 is reckoned to be the best 'keeper in Asia. As good on crosses as he is on the shot, he is courageous and cool under pressure.

Centre back Mahboub Jum'a is probably good enough to play for almost any club in Europe, and has all the talents — positional sense, good at covering, times his tackles well and goes in hard, and for one not so big he times his jumps well and is excellent in the air. He is the key man at the back.

If Jasem is probably Kuwait's match-winner, the heart of the team is in midfield where Sa'ed Al-Houti is the captain and the chief engineer. But the overall standard is surprisingly good and if Kuwait collect a big scalp in the Mundial don't say you have not been warned.

**Authority: Kuwait Football Association (founded 1952; FIFA 1962).**
**Population: 1 million; total players 1,638.**
**World Cup achievement. —**
**Finals appearances. —**
**Manager: Carlos Alberto Parreira. Record in charge: 22-16-4-2-45-13 (since Jan, 1980).**

**Asia/Oceania group three**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kuwait | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 6 |
| S. Korea | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Malaysia | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Thailand | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 1 |

**Play-off group**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kuwait | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| New Zealand | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 7 |
| China | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 7 |
| S. Arabia | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 1 |

**Kuwait scorers: Al-Anbari 5, Al-Dakheel 4, Yasim Yacoub 3, Jomah 2, Kameel 2, Al-Ghanem 2, Al-Hashash 1, Al-Karam 1.**

**NATIONAL SQUAD**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Goalkeepers:** | | |
| Ahmad Al-Tarabulsi (Kuwait Army FC) | 35 | 40 |
| Adam Marjam Ahmad (Kazma FC) | 24 | 10 |
| Ahmed Darwish (Salmiyya) | 18 | 5 |
| **Defenders:** | | |
| Naeem Sa'ad (Al Tadhamon) | 25 | 35 |
| Walid Al-Jassim (Kuwait Army FC) | 22 | 30 |
| Abdullah Ma'youf (Kazma FC) | 28 | 60 |
| Sami M. Al-Hashash (Arab FC) | 23 | 28 |
| Mahboob Jum'a (Salmiyya) | 26 | 61 |
| Adel Abdul Nabei (Salmiyya) | 24 | 8 |
| Mubarak Marzouk (Al Tadhamon) | 21 | 4 |
| Jamal Yacoub (Kazma FC) | 23 | 12 |
| **Midfield:** | | |
| Naser Al-Ghanem (Kazma FC) | 21 | 25 |
| Abdullah Al-Buloushi (Arab FC) | 22 | 40 |
| Abdul Aziz Al-Anbari (Kuwait Army FC) | 28 | 61 |
| Sa'ed Al-Houti (Kuwait Army FC) | 27 | 51 |
| Ahmed Askar Ghuloum (Arab FC) | 20 | 11 |
| Saed Al Deqbas (Al Tadhamon) | 25 | 9 |
| **Strikers:** | | |
| Faisal Al-Dakhil (Qadisiya) | 25 | 62 |
| Jasem Yacoub (Qadisiya) | 29 | 61 |
| Fatih Kamil (Al Tadhamon) | 27 | 55 |
| Mohammad Karam (Arab FC) | 27 | 25 |
| Adel Al-Suwayed Mohamad (Kazma FC) | 23 | 15 |
| Yousef Al-Suwayed (Kazma FC) | 23 | 18 |
| Homoud Al-Shemmari (Kazma FC) | 21 | 35 |

**HOLLAND**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajax | 29 | 22 | 3 | 4 | 107 | 37 | 47 |
| Eindhoven | 29 | 21 | 3 | 5 | 71 | 30 | 45 |
| Alkmaar | 29 | 19 | 4 | 6 | 61 | 32 | 42 |
| Haarlem | 29 | 14 | 7 | 8 | 49 | 36 | 35 |
| Utrecht | 29 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 46 | 35 | 34 |
| Feyenoord | 29 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 53 | 48 | 34 |
| Groningen | 29 | 14 | 4 | 11 | 56 | 51 | 32 |
| Breda | 29 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 39 | 37 | 30 |
| Sparta | 29 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 49 | 44 | 29 |
| Deventer | 29 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 45 | 44 | 28 |
| Twente | 29 | 12 | 4 | 13 | 45 | 47 | 28 |
| Kerkrade | 29 | 11 | 5 | 13 | 45 | 46 | 27 |
| Willem II | 29 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 43 | 56 | 23 |
| Zwolle | 29 | 7 | 8 | 14 | 40 | 61 | 22 |
| Nijmegen | 29 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 27 | 58 | 21 |
| Maastricht | 29 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 31 | 56 | 20 |
| Den Haag | 29 | 4 | 5 | 20 | 27 | 64 | 13 |
| De Graafschap | 29 | 3 | 6 | 20 | 26 | 78 | 12 |

**SPAIN**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Real Sociedad | 33 | 19 | 7 | 7 | 56 | 32 | 45 |
| Barcelona | 33 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 73 | 38 | 44 |
| Real Madrid | 33 | 18 | 8 | 7 | 55 | 31 | 44 |
| Bilbao | 33 | 18 | 4 | 11 | 62 | 39 | 40 |
| Valencia | 33 | 17 | 4 | 12 | 52 | 44 | 38 |
| Betis | 33 | 15 | 5 | 13 | 51 | 42 | 35 |
| Osasuna | 33 | 14 | 6 | 13 | 44 | 43 | 34 |
| Zaragoza | 33 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 44 | 54 | 34 |
| Sevilla | 33 | 15 | 5 | 14 | 48 | 38 | 33 |
| Atletico Madrid | 33 | 14 | 4 | 15 | 36 | 36 | 32 |
| Espanol | 33 | 13 | 6 | 14 | 47 | 51 | 32 |
| Valladolid | 33 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 38 | 52 | 32 |
| Santander | 33 | 11 | 8 | 14 | 38 | 50 | 30 |
| Las Palmas | 33 | 11 | 7 | 15 | 41 | 49 | 29 |
| Gijon | 33 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 34 | 44 | 27 |
| Cadiz | 33 | 13 | 3 | 18 | 30 | 47 | 27 |
| Hercules | 33 | 11 | 4 | 18 | 39 | 50 | 26 |
| Castellon | 33 | 3 | 6 | 24 | 33 | 81 | 12 |

**WEST GERMANY**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hamburg SV | 27 | 15 | 8 | 4 | 74 | 34 | 38 |
| Bayern München | 27 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 66 | 40 | 37 |
| Köln | 28 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 54 | 25 | 37 |
| Dortmund | 28 | 15 | 4 | 9 | 50 | 33 | 34 |
| Bremen | 27 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 43 | 38 | 32 |
| Mönchengladbach | 28 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 48 | 43 | 32 |
| Kaiserslautern | 27 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 54 | 47 | 31 |
| Stuttgart | 28 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 51 | 42 | 31 |
| Braunschweig | 28 | 14 | 3 | 11 | 52 | 46 | 31 |
| Frankfurt | 28 | 13 | 2 | 13 | 68 | 64 | 28 |
| Bochum | 28 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 41 | 40 | 27 |
| Bielefeld | 28 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 32 | 41 | 23 |
| Nürnberg | 28 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 40 | 62 | 23 |
| Karlsruhe | 28 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 41 | 54 | 22 |
| Düsseldorf | 28 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 41 | 61 | 21 |
| Leverkusen | 28 | 7 | 5 | 16 | 37 | 64 | 19 |
| Duisburg | 28 | 7 | 3 | 18 | 34 | 62 | 17 |
| Darmstadt | 28 | 4 | 9 | 15 | 35 | 65 | 17 |

## The World Cup Finalists

# BINGHAM FOR A PL IN SECON

**from PAUL PARISH**

**TO HAVE qualified for the World Cup Finals may seem sufficient for Northern Ireland — but for manager Billy Bingham the aim is now to reach the second phase of the competition in Spain.**

For the brave folk of Ulster the success of their international side has given them welcome respite from the troubles that have torn at the throat of the Province. The unlikely deeds of their footballers has turned attention away, at least in some way, from the bullets and bombs that has shattered the peace of Belfast and Londonderry.

And to be honest the Irish success was unlikely. Yet they came through their qualifying group with more distinction than England, for example.

To start with they had to face Scotland, yet this may have been in their favour. Their familiarity with the Scots, in the Home International Championship, worked to their advantage considerably more than it did for Scotland.

Then there was Sweden, scarcely one of Europe's premier soccer nations but nevertheless a country with an impressive record of World Cup qualification.

Israel were the side Northern Ireland must have expected to beat. But even a trip to the Middle East could not have been viewed as a joy ride.

And finally Portugal. The talented Portuguese were the nation considered by most as the likeliest side to qualify from the group with Scotland. With the World Cup finals to be played across their Iberian border in Spain there was added incentive but the Portuguese were a dreadful disappointment. It was their failure that really opened the door for Northern Ireland.

And once given the chance Billy Bingham's men were not going to make any slips.

The whole campaign came to fruition during an emotional night in Belfast's Windsor Park when a goal from Gerry Armstrong defeated Israel and gave the Irish the two points they needed.

So how have this team of varied talents achieved something that the likes of Portugal or Holland, East Germany or Rumania have failed?

They have managed to play with a passion that has compensated for possible deficiencies. And manager Bingham has instilled enough organisation into his side to make them good enough for the World Cup Finals.

It is said that the spirit within the team is remarkable. Perhaps the Province could learn something from the unification and common cause that her footballers have displayed on and off the field.

By necessity any Northern Ireland manager must search deep into the Football League to find the players for his international squad. Bingham has been no different. He hasn't even been blessed with the undisguised genius of a George Best, the mercurial midfield leadership of a Danny Blanchflower or the subtlety and touch of a Jimmy McIlroy to add an extra ingredient to his side.

He has to rely on players, some very good and some quite simply grateful and honoured to have the opportunity to represent their country in the greatest soccer show on earth.

Look at Northern Ireland's squad and, with due respect, you wonder how many of these players would have figured in the plans of an England or a Scotland manager. Precious few, you suspect, yet here we are on the eve of a World Cup, marvelling at the achievements of Bingham and his men.

Kuwait, New Zealand, Cameroon, El Salvador and Honduras will be the little nations, the no-hope nations, in Spain. I suggest, however, that Northern Ireland's qualification is of greater merit simply because they have had to conquer nations like Sweden and Portugal, who are steeped in World Cup tradition.

Since that heady night in Belfast when the passage to Spain was finally secured, everything has not gone with hoped-for smoothness.

The Irish have had two games and, perhaps as a reaction from their World Cup endeavours, they have slumped. There wasn't the passion of the World Cup — and even though one match was against England — there wasn't the determination and grit that took them to a Home International Championship crown two years ago.

England beat them 4-0 at Wembley and a few weeks later the French inflicted a similar defeat in Paris. It is doubtful, however, whether this is a guide to Ireland's expectations in Spain . . . or for that matter a guide to the form of England or France before they meet in Bilbao.

At least Bingham will not have the same problems as his fellow managers in the British Isles. While England's Ron Greenwood and Scotland's Jock Stein know they have to prune their list of potential candidates for places in the final 22, Bingham has only a couple of dozen players from which he can truthfully choose.

Unkind souls might have you believe that the Irish goalkeeper will be their busiest player in Spain. If that be the case then it is the one position where Northern Ireland are absolutely sure they can match the best in the world.

Pat Jennings, with a record-breaking 90 caps behind him, will enjoy his 37th birthday on June 12 — just one day before the opening ceremony in Spain. The maestro has been troubled with injury this season but his experience and wisdom still make him the envy of many. And if Jennings is considered doubtful for any reason there is a capable deputy in Middlesbrough's Jim Platt, the man who defied everyone when the Irish won the Home International Championship in 1980.

There is much, too, to commend their defensive line-up. Chris Nicholl, another player of vast experience, has been at the heart of Southampton's considerable First Division Championship efforts this season. Jimmy Nicholl remains with Manchester United — in their reserves — even though he would be good enough for many first teams.

Sammy Nelson achieved so much at Arsenal and is now playing with that same uncompromising tenacity down on the South Coast for Brighton.

From the Second Division ranks come Mal Donaghy and John O'Neill. For Donaghy, a First Division place awaits as Luton are on the fringe of an overdue promotion. His pace and power can be equally effective in the middle or at left-back. O'Neill has been imbued with the sort of qualities you need to survive under the tough management of Jock Wallace at Leicester.

In midfield Ireland have two key figures in Sammy McIlroy and Martin O'Neill. McIlroy has moved on from years of success with Manchester United to now influence the fortunes of Stoke City. He is a player of true quality.

O'Neill was a key figure in the Nottingham Forest team that stormed the First Division and then Europe. He has moved on as Brian Clough and Peter Taylor set about restructuring their squad. Now he has settled at Norwich, where thoughts of promotion back to the First Division have not been totally eliminated since his inspirational return.

If the Irish want to play with wingers they can . . . and most effectively. Noel Brotherston, the prematurely balding Blackburn star, was the unquestioned star of that famous Home International triumph. Blackburn fans will tell you that their side really plays when Brotherston is on song. Much the same might be said of the Irish. And there is Terry Cochrane of Middlesbrough, an erratic performer who can beguile or frustrate depending, it seems, on the mood of the moment.

David McCreery, the little midfield workhorse who once graced the line-ups of Manchester United and Queens Park Rangers, is now with Tulsa Roughnecks in the United States. He will also figure high in Bingham's plans.

The Irish, however, suffer a common problem with so many other nations in finding a goalscoring combination.

Yet, paradoxically, big Gerry Armstrong perhaps typifies the spirit of the national side better than anyone. The bustling Armstrong was a popular figure with Tottenham before moving to Watford. Here, too, his wholehearted approach has made him a crowd-pleaser even though he has not always been assured a first team place. Give him an Irish shirt, however, and Armstrong seems

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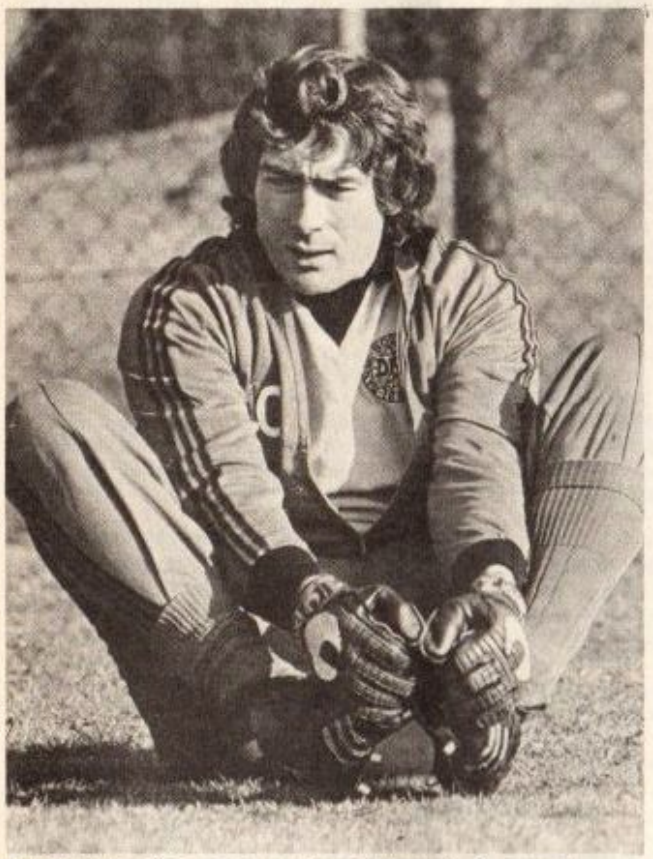

Pat Jennings, the most experienced player in the squad.

to grow in strength and ability — a man who will go on chasing all day if necessary.

These are the men most likely to provide the backbone of Ireland's challenge. And they will be joined by the likes of Tommy Cassidy and Billy Hamilton, who have done so much towards Burnley's bid to regain a Second Division place, Bolton's defender Gerry McElhinney, Southend's Derek Spence, Queens Park Rangers youngster Ian Stewart and Cambridge's Tom Finney.

The third goalkeeping spot will probably go to Eric McManus, normally to be found in Stoke's reserve side.

There may, too, be further calls to Tulsa for Billy Caskey to join his team-mate McCreery.

And while the strength of football in the Province itself may not be too strong there could be places in Bingham's final squad for former Manchester United man Trevor Anderson, now with Linfield, and Gerry Mullen of Glentoran.

Realistically it must be said that Ireland are unlikely to get beyond the first phase in Spain. They open with a match against impressive Yugoslavia — it is a match they must win. Then comes Honduras and finally host nation Spain. The home country must be group favourites so if the gutsy Irish can overcome Yugoslavia perhaps Bingham's hopes of reaching the second phase will become reality.

It may need the luck of the Irish for that to happen.

**Authority:** Irish Football Association (founded 1880; FIFA 1911–1920, 1924–28, 1946).
**Population:** 1.5 million; total players 17,685.
**World Cup achievement:** 1958 quarter-finals.
**Finals appearances:** 1958.
**Manager:** Billy Bingham. Record for current spell in charge: 10-3-2-5-4-13.

**European group six**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scotland | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 11 |
| N. Ireland | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Sweden | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 8 |
| Portugal | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 7 |
| Israel | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 5 |

**N. Ireland scorers:** Armstrong 2 — Brotherston 1, McIlroy 1, Nicholl 1, Hamilton 1.

**POSSIBLE SQUAD**

| | Pos. | Age | Caps |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pat Jennings (Arsenal) | GK | 36 | 90 |
| Jim Platt (Middlesbrough) | GK | 29 | 13 |
| Jimmy Nicholl (Manchester Utd) | FB | 24 | 42 |
| Chris Nicholl (Southampton) | CB | 35 | 38 |
| Mal Donaghy (Luton) | FB | 24 | 10 |
| Sammy Nelson (Brighton) | LB | 32 | 49 |
| John O'Neill (Leicester) | CB | 23 | 16 |
| Gerry McElhinney (Bolton) | CB | 25 | 0 |
| Tommy Cassidy (Burnley) | MF | 30 | 23 |
| Sammy McIlroy (Stoke | MF | 27 | 54 |
| Martin O'Neill (Norwich) | MF | 29 | 42 |
| David McCreery (Tulsa) | MF | 24 | 28 |
| Noel Brotherston (Blackburn) | OR | 25 | 12 |
| Terry Cochrane (Middlesbrough) | OR | 28 | 18 |
| Gerry Armstrong (Watford) | CF | 27 | 36 |
| Billy Hamilton (Burnley) | OL | 24 | 16 |
| Eric McManus (Stoke) | GK | 31 | 0 |
| Ian Stewart (Queens Park Rangers) | MF | 19 | 1 |
| Derek Spence (Southend) | CF | 30 | 30 |
| Tom Finney (Cambridge) | OL | 30 | 12 |
| Trevor Anderson (Linfield) | MF | 31 | 22 |
| Tom Sloan (Man Utd) | MF | 23 | 3 |

# UEFA Cup semi finals

## Details continued from page 5

**UEFA CUP — Semi-finals**
**1st legs (April 7)**

**Kaiserslautern 1** (Hofeditz 10)
**IFK Gothenburg 1** (Corneliusson 29)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 34,500. **Ref:** Schoeters (Bel).

**Kaiserslautern:** Hellstroem — Wolf, Metzer, Dusek, Brehme — Briegel, Geye, Bongartz — Eilenfeldt, Funkel, Hofeditz.

**Goeteborg:** Wernerson — C. Karlsson, Svensson (Schiller, 70), Hysen, Frederiksson — Tord Holmgren, J. Karlsson, Stroemberg, Tommy Holmgren — Nilsson, Corneliusson.

**Radnicki Nis 2** (Beganovic 51, Obradovic 75)
**Hamburg 1** (Von Heesen 55)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It).

**Radnicki:** Milenkovic — Gavrilovic, Obradovic, Bojovic, Vojnovic — Drizic, Stojiljkovic, Djordjevic, Nikolic (Stankovic) — Aleksic (Radosavlejic), Beganovic.

**Hamburg:** Stein — Kaltz, Jakobs (Djordjevic), Hieronymus, Groh — Hartwig, Milewski, Von Heesen, Wehmeyer — Hrubesch, Bastrup.

**2nd legs (April 21)**

**IFK Gothenburg 2** (Tommy Holmgren 42, Fredriksson 103 pen)
**Kaiserslautern 1** (Geye 58)
**HT:** 1-0. **90 min:** 1-1. **Att:** 50,053.
**Ref:** Yushka (R.).
*IFK 3-2 on agg. – after extra time.*

**IFK:** Wernesson — Svensson, Schiller, C. Karlsson, Fredriksson — Holmberg (Holm), Stromberg (Sandberg), J. Karlsson — R. Nilsson, Corneliusson, Tommy Holmgren.

**Kaiserslautern:** Hellstroem — Wolf, Melzer, Dusek, Brehme — Geye, Briegel, Bonfartz, Eilenfeldt — Funkel (Eigendorf), Hofeditz (Brummer).

**Hamburg 5** (Hartwig 7, 30, Von Heesen 21, 49, Magath 58)
**Radnicki 1** (Panajotovic 83)
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 38,600. **Ref:** Daina (Swz).
*Hamburg 6-3 on agg.*

**Hamburg:** Stein — Kaltz, Groh (Memering 35), Jakobs, Hieronymus, Hartwig, Wehmeyer, Hrubesch, Magath (Djordjevic 73), Bastrup.

**Radnicki:** Milenkovic — Gavrilov, Obradovic, Rincic (Panajotovic 46), Vojinovic, Drizic, Stoiljkovic, Djordjevic, Nikolic, Aleksic (Simonovic 56), Beganovic.

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# MESZOLY IS LESSONS AR

**from LESLIE VERNON**

**WHEN the draw was made for the 1982 World Cup, the Hungarians decided — wisely as it happened — to play-off all their matches in the calendar year of 1981.**

In preparation for the tournament, they went to South and Central America in order to play and train in good conditions during the winter, and also to blend the team into an effective unit. But the results and performances were disappointing, and qualification for the World Cup Finals seemed a remote possibility.

Kalman Meszoly, the team's 40-year-old manager, opted for a gamble and recalled several of the "foreign legionnaires" to bolster his team for the qualifying competition. These players were all over 30 years old, their days as internationals were thought to be over.

In fact, Sandor Muller and Jozsef Mucha, for instance, were never considered automatic selections for the national 11. But Meszoly felt that playing in a strong League in Belgium, where most of them were based at that time, must have a beneficial effect on them, and as full professionals, they would be in peak condition despite their "advanced ages".

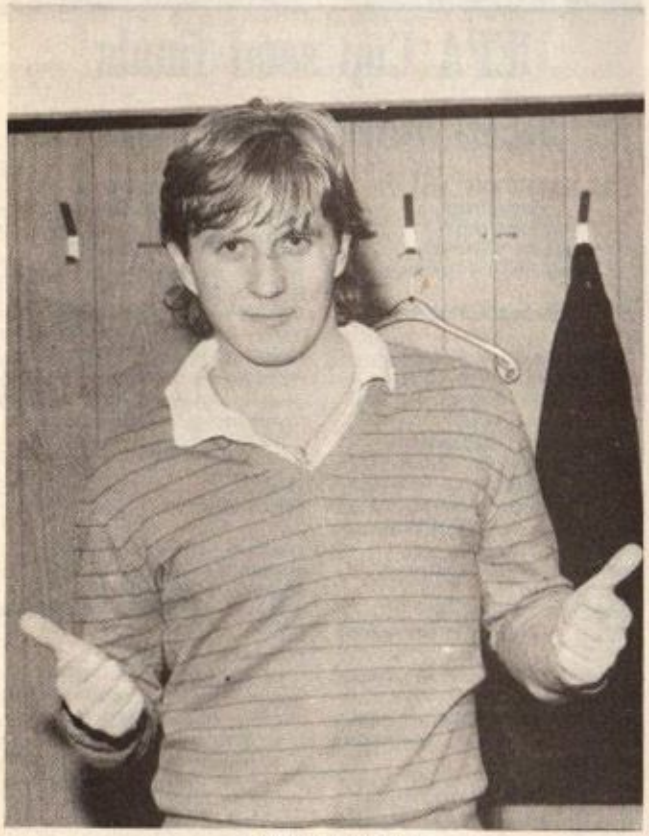
## Justified

This reasoning was justified, because under the leadership of Balint, Hungary played effective football in their qualifying group, and they amassed 10 points, which in this topsy-turvy section, was good enough to guarantee them not only qualification, but top place as well.

They played brilliantly against Switzerland, but lost twice against England, thus demonstrating that they do not relish facing British footballers. The arrival of the foreign-based full professionals posed another interesting question. Is it possible for officially-paid performers to represent Hungary?

Previously, only the tennis players (Balazs Taroczy and Co.) were allowed openly to take prize money for their sporting activities, all others were amateurs. This is a farcical situation as far as the footballers are concerned, since they have no other visible means of support, but nevertheless, the pretence is maintained, and Hungarian footballers are blithely nominated to appear in the Olympic Games.

Happily, no one raised any objection concerning the inclusion of these full-time pros. in the national team, and it is certain that they will be very much in evidence in Spain as well. In a recent friendly international against Austria, Meszoly used five of them (Gyozo Martos, Laszlo Balint, Sandor Muller, Ferenc Meszaros and Laszlo Fazekas), and Austria also lined-up with five "imported" players!



Andras Torocsik

A couple of years ago, when there was a ban on foreign exports from Hungary, nobody would have guessed that there would be a day when Hungary fielded as many "legionnaires" as the Austrians, who habitually pick their team from the W. German *Bundesliga*. After qualification was achieved, Hungry arranged a tour of Australia and New Zealand for the winter months. In the absense of the foreign-based players, Meszoly took a young, experimental squad with him.

Early injuries to Katzirz in goal and Nyilasi in midfield meant that young Kakas was the goalkeeper in most of their matches, and Torocsik was tried out as a midfielder. This highly talented player is at the crossroads of his career. He no longer relishes the battle inside the opposing penalty box, and he is more effective as a withdrawn forward or midfielder.

## Problems

In many ways, Andras Torocsik reminds me of Stan Bowles, on and off the field. Dogged by personal problems and a moody approach to football, Torocsik has the same luminous skills as Bowles, but unfortunately, he is not able to give his best consistently in League and international matches. Nevertheless, alongside Tibor Nyilasi, he remains the most gifted Hungarian footballer of this era and cannot be left out of the national 11.

The results were not over-impressive during the Australasian tour, a "double" over New Zealand (both games were won 2-1) was a satisfactory outcome of difficult fixtures. Some players of the travelling squad managed to enhance their reputation, especially midfielder Ferenc Csongradi of Videoton, and the two wingers, Bela Bodonyi and young Gabor Poloskei played well.

But others, notably central striker, Laszlo Kiss, were disappointing, and one cannot speak of strength in depth when discussing Hungary's possible squad for Spain. This Vasas forward, Kiss, is an enigma. He played brilliantly last season, and was considered a worthy successor to Torocsik as the main striker in the forward line.

But he is lackadaisical, doesn't work hard enough, easily marked-out of a game by a tough defender, and he is not scoring enough goals to stay even in his club side. He was left out of the team against Austria, when Hungary took the field with two wingers (Fazekas, Poloskei) and one central striker, Torocsik.

The "Magyars" conceded three goals in this match (Austria won 3-2!), but the defence cannot be improved upon, unless Garaba is recalled. But this Honved centre-back gives away too many free-kicks, and usually gets himself booked for a silly late tackle.

Last season, it was Garaba who gave away the penalty against England in Budapest, and he was booked at Wembley. Let's look at the Hungarians individually.

First-choice goalkeeper, Meszaros, the Sporting Lisbon player, is capable of great deeds between the posts, but he is also liable to make elementary errors. See his mispunch at Wembley before Mariner's goal! His self-confidence is admirable, and he has developed a "professional" approach towards the game. His deputy, Bela Katzirz, is a giant of a man, and it is, needless to say, that he is better at saving shots in the air than on the ground.

Katzirz is not playing particularly well for his club, Meszoly might prefer to put Kakas of Ferencvaros on the bench. Kakas is injured at the moment and cannot get into the Ferencvaros team, Gujdar played his last international in 1979.

At right full-back, Gyozo Martos of Waterschei, Belgium, is a fine attacking defender who uses the ball well. Gabor Szanto has moved from Diosgyor to Ferencvaros and is equally effective at full-back as in midfield. His distribution of the ball is not as good as Martos's, but he is tougher defensively.

HUNGARY

# OPTIMISTIC— E LEARNED

Hungarian full-backs are used to marking wingers, and they do not get embarrassed when they have to face one.

Joszef Toth, on the left, is a hard customer, his tackle on Coppell at Wembley was a regrettable incident. But he is a better proposition than Varga on Honved, who is not quite up to international standard. Hungary play with a sweeper, and in Balint, they have a very experienced one. Capped 74 times, "laci" is now playing for Second Division Toulouse in France. He didn't have a particularly good game against Austria, the Krankl-Schachner duo caused him quite a few anxious moments.

The same applies to Tibor Rab, who was marking Krankl and allowed the big Austrian too much room. He started his career in a blaze of glory, but later he had a few undistinguished seasons. Can play midfield as well, but Meszoly would like to keep him in the back-four.

Young Sandor Sallai of Debrecen was the discovery of last season, a good little ball-winner in the middle of the field, and he can do a solid marking job as well. Played Botteron out of the game at Budapest, and Kevin Keegan also knew that there was someone capable of "disturbing" him during the 90 minutes at Wembley.

Sandor Muller of Hercules Alicante is an average midfielder, just slightly ahead of reserves Csapo, Moldvan and possibly Csongradi. Tibor Nyilasi is, of course, one of the best in Europe in this position.

A tall, commanding figure, whose distribution is excellent, and he represents a constant danger in front of goal, where he is cool and uses his ability of heading the ball to great advantage. A world-class footballer — unfortunately the only one in this current Hungarian squad.

Andras Torocsik is less consistent than Nyilasi, he has the ability, but his application is questionable. At times, he seems to lose interest in the match. Still the best proposition in my view as central striker, he has deputies in Izso, Kerekes and Kiss. Meszoly would be a happy man if Kiss could find his goalscoring form and Hungary could play again with just one winger and a double spearhead.

The veteran Fazekas usually plays 50-60 minutes on the right flank, then he is substituted by young Bodonyi, who had a surprisingly good tour during winter. Poloskei plays either at midfield or on the left wing for Ferencvaros. He is a very talented player who made his debut for the national team in 1980.

This is a "useful" squad, with no outstanding individuals (bar Nyilasi), but with quite a great deal of talent in all departments. It is Meszoly's job to bring out the best of his players, but he is handicapped by the leisurely tempo of League matches, and the absence of the bulk of the first selections, who play abroad.

Hungary's World Cup record is a proud one — to this day, they maintain that they should have won the trophy in 1954 and, of course, they also reached the Final in 1938. A tough draw grouped them together with Argentina and Belgium, but the South Americans' style will suit the Hungarians, and the two-man Belgian forward line can be neutralised by a solid display of the Hungarian back-four.

A great deal depends on the form of the team on the day, they will be well prepared because their League campaign will finish very early in May.

Kalman Meszoly is optimistic, and says that the mistakes and the nervous breakdowns of the Argentina World Cup will not be repeated. In 1978, Hungary lost all their three matches in the Finals, after Torocsik and Nyilasi were sent-off in their first game against Argentina.

Four years older and wiser, these players will not repeat the same stupid errors, but it is depressing that they are still the two best Hungarians, and there is no one else in the squad remotely equal to them.

I would like to see Hungary prosper, because they still play adventurous, attacking football, but I also fear for them, because of the mediocrity of the players at Meszoly's disposal. Still, if they do their best, the Hungarian public will not complain.

**Authority: Magyar Labdarugok Szövetsege (founded 1901; FIFA 1907).**
**Population: 11 million; total players 138,461.**
**World Cup achievement: 1934 quarter-finals. 1938 runners-up. 1954 runners-up. 1962 quarter-finals. 1966 quarter-finals.**
**Finals appearances: 1934, 1938, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1978.**
**Manager: Kalman Meszöly. Record in charge: 19-9-4-6-32-26.**

**European group four**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hungary | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 10 |
| England | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 9 |
| Rumania | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| Switzerland | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 7 |
| Norway | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 6 |

**Hungary scorers: Kiss 4, Fazekas 3, Balint 2, Nyilasi 2, Muller 1, Garaba 1.**

**THE SQUAD**

| | Age | Caps |
|---|---|---|
| ***Goalkeepers*** | | |
| Ferenc Meszaros (Sporting Lisbon) | 31 | 25 |
| Bela Katzirz (Pecs) | 28 | 14 |
| Laszlo Kakas (Ferencvaros) | 27 | 2 |
| ***Defenders*** | | |
| Gyozo Martos (Waterschei) | 32 | 27 |
| Gabor Szanto (Ferencvaros) | 23 | 12 |
| Laszlo Balint (Toulouse) | 33 | 74 |
| Tibor Rab (Ferencvaros) | 26 | 18 |
| Imre Garaba (Honved) | 23 | 17 |
| Jozsef Toth (Ujpest Dozsa) | 30 | 46 |
| Jozsef Varga (Honved) | 27 | 8 |
| ***Midfield*** | | |
| Tibor Nyilasi (Ferencvaros) | 26 | 49 |
| Sandor Muller (Hercules Alicante) | 33 | 15 |
| Sandor Sallai (Debrecen) | 21 | 7 |
| Miklos Moldvan (Nyiregyhaza) | 27 | 2 |
| Karoly Csapo (Tatabanya) | 29 | 17 |
| Jozsef Poczik (Raba Eto) | 30 | 6 |
| ***Forwards*** | | |
| Laszlo Fazekas (Antwerp) | 34 | 85 |
| Andras Torocsik (Ujpest Dozsa) | 26 | 33 |
| Bela Bodony (Honved) | 25 | 12 |
| Laszlo Kiss (Vasas) | 25 | 23 |
| Bela Vardi (Vasas) | 29 | 34 |
| Gabor Poloskei (Ferencvaros) | 23 | 4 |

# Cup Winners Cup semi finals

## Details continued from page 5

**CUP-WINNERS' CUP — Semi-finals**
**1st legs (April 7)**

**Dynamo Tbilisi 0**
**Standard Liege 1** (Daerden 24)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Brummeier (Swz).

**Tbilisi:** Gabelia — Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Khizanishvili, Tavadze — Daraselia, Tsava, Kakilashvili, Kipiani — Gutsaev (Zvania, 20, Tchlebadze, 50), Shengelia.

**Standard:** Preud'homme — Gerets, Englebert, Meeuws, Poel — Vandersmissen, Plessers, Haan, Botteron, Tahamata, Darden.

**Tottenham 1** (Roberts 85)
**Barcelona 1** (Olmo 60)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 41,555. **Ref:** Mulder (Hol).
**Estella sent of 67.*

**Tottenham:** Clemence — Perryman, Miller (Jones 75), Price, Hughton — Roberts, Hazard, Villa, Hoddle — Galvin, Crooks.

**Barcelona:** Urruti — Ramos, Olmo, Alexanco, Manolo — Sanchez, Gerardo, Estella — Simonsen, Carrasco, Moran (Moratalla, 67).

**2nd legs (April 21)**

**Barcelona 1** (Simonsen 46)
**Tottenham 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG).
*Barcelona 2-1 on agg.*

**Barcelona:** Urruti — Ramos, Olmo, Manolo, Sanchez, Alexanco, Simonsen (Zuviria), Gerardo, Quini (Esteban), Moratalla, Carrasco.

**Tottenham:** Clemence — Hughton, Price, Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Villa, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks (Brook 84).

**Standard Liege 1** (Daerden 33)
**Dynamo Tbilisi 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Redelfs (WG).
*Standard 2-0 on agg.*

**Standard:** Preud'homme — Gerets, Meeuws, Poel, Englebert, Vandersmissen, Haan, Daerden, Plessers, Tahamata, Wendt.

**Tbilisi:** Gabelia — Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Khinsagashvili, Svanadze (Meschki 46) — Daraselia, Kakilashvili (Sava 71), Khizanishvili, Mudzhiri — Kipiani, Shengelia.

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# KIWIS WR OFF? NOT ADSHEAD

**from RAB SMITH**

**NEW ZEALAND go to Spain to appear in the World Cup finals for the first time in their history . . . after a qualifying trail which means covering around 60,000 miles and ended with the drama of that play-off victory over China in Singapore.**

The Kiwis have already been written off by many of their prospective rivals. But the name Adshead has Norse origins and there was a flinty look about manager John Adshead as he replied to some of the international doubters.

"In many quarters we are being written off as a bunch of kickers — mostly by those who do not know what they are talking about — but in some instances by people who should know better," he said.

Reported comments by Brazil manager Tele Santana especially disappointed Adshead, who wondered exactly how much of the New Zealand team's soccer the South Americans had actually seen.

"We've scored 44 goals to get to Spain, and without doubt it has been tough, and made great demands on the players, but a team of kickers don't score that many.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the 'rough play' angle is being used, in an attempt to pre-condition referees against any physical involvement during the game. If so, it's a waste of time. Whenever we've had a top referee, we have been allowed to play our natural game.

"Our style is very mobile, and we do rely on lots of hard work and support play, but its not just to contain the other team, we try to get men forward as much as we can.

"There are key players obviously, from Bobby Almond sweeping at the back, to Steve Wooddin up front, but the team's real quality is that they play for each other, and get on incredibly well with each other. I've never been associated with a team that has had so little friction.

"Already we have faced teams with better technicians than we've got, yet we've still beaten them. Our lads know their limitations, but they know what is expected of them too, and they never drop their heads."

Even Adshead, however, must have been pleasantly surprised at the depth of talent in his squad, when without seven of his regular first team (Wooddin, Sumner, Dods, G. Turner, Wilson, Herbert, Boath) the Kiwis were only narrowly beaten twice, 2-1 by Hungary, in matches played in Christchurch and Auckland.

"I believe eight of the Hungarians who faced us were also in the team that played England," Adshead commented, "and we would rate their national side as being in the top ten football nations in the world, so I was very pleased with the team's performance.

## Opportunity

"It was a great opportunity for us to give the lads who hadn't been playing regularly in the squad, the chance of a run against top quality opposition — and they responded magnificently."

After the Christchurch match, the Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly admitted through an interpreter, that his pre-match prediction of 'many goals' had been thwarted by the Kiwis midfield activity.

From the New Zealand point of view, centre-back Glen Adam played well enough to challenge Ricki Herbert for his regular position, and Duncan Cole in midfield had his most impressive game yet. He took over the missing Sumner's role and drove the team, convincingly pushing forward himself, to get behind the Hungarian defence and flight crosses over.

Ken Cresswell also grabbed his chance to show what he could do in midfield. Following Cole's lead, he attacked the defence at speed, and showed composure with several strikes at goal — the best of which left the crossbar vibrating.

Front runners Wynton Rufer and Brian Turner competed strongly. Rufer's acceleration and shooting power always threatened the visitors, and once again he created two clear breaks that might have produced an upset result.

Meszoly went so far as to suggest that on the team's showing in New Zealand, perhaps a less high calibre group in Spain might have offered the Kiwis a chance of advancing past the first phase of the competition.

But Adshead is glad to be in what he regards as the most demanding group of all. "We must be realistic, Brazil, Russia, and Scotland all have the potential to win the competition, so I will be looking at our performance, as well as the actual results.

"We are going to Spain to gauge our development as a soccer nation, and we want honest answers. Not only does the draw give us a chance to compete against the best there is, but the matches will be vitally important to those teams."

Adshead refused to be drawn on predictions, but did point out, "We have been written off before in this competition and still managed to come back with a result that confounded the experts — maybe we can do it again."

It's the concern and curse of those involved in the development of soccer, that so many promising young players are dispensed with early in their careers.

Some recover and prove their judges wrong by reaching the highest levels of the game, but most vanish without trace and rarely receive a second chance to prove their worth.

For many of New Zealand's World Cup squad, this is the second time around, and at a level that would strain the credibility of even a 'Roy of the Rovers' yarn.

Team captain and midfield dominator Sumner was a Blackpool reject, before joining Christchurch United in 1973. But it's no coincidence that the Christchurch club became Rothman league champions in 1973, 1975, 1978, and were runners-up in 1974, as well as winning the Chatham Cup in 1972, 1974-5-6.

Sumner makes things happen in midfield, and has the drive to get into forward positions where he scores his share of goals — eight to be exact, in the preliminary World Cup matches.

His physical toughness also commands respect. Sumner's performance in the 1-0 win over China, when many rated him man of the match, was all the more remarkable considering he had an operation on his ankle only days before.

Winger Steve Wooddin had a spell with Tranmere Rovers, before he came to New Zealand. Wooddin's skills lit up the country, and had countless fans wondering why he had not succeeded back in England.

His left foot almost bankrupt sports writers of superlatives. Superb vision enables him to deliver huge crossfield passes from deep, and his bursts of pace, set him up for his speciality of narrow angle snapshots, usually at the near post, which have yielded dividends.

Wooddin has however been known to play for less than ninety minutes, and his quiet spells may not have impressed those in England, who measure the man from clock-in to check-out by his workrate.

Even at Tranmere, Wooddin was in good company. While he played deeper on the left, the right wing was the springboard for Steve Coppell to achieve Manchester United and England fame.

Another pair who had differing fortunes, but were good friends at White Hart Lane as teenagers, are the Scottish international Graeme Souness, and the New Zealand sweeper, Bobby Almond.

While Souness made the classic progression to Middlesbrough, Liverpool, and the Scottish World Cup squad, the young cockney from the Old Kent Road, has reached Spain via Orient's reserves, Walthamstow Avenue, and Christchurch United.

Almond is without doubt anchor man in Adshead's squad. He has a stabilising effect on the defence, and the ability to either make or deny space as the situation requires.

"I like to think that New Zealand's days of being hammered are over," Almond commented recently in Invercargill where he had just signed for Thistle — reputedly the most southerly soccer club in the world.

"Our organisation has stood up so far, and as we've met better opposition, the team has raised its game.

"We've played and travelled in all sorts of conditions, from the heat in Kuwait to the humidity of Jakarta, and in front of crowds of over 80,000 hostile enough to pelt us with fruit and cans. So I don't think the conditions in Spain will bother us.

"We will be out to try and preserve our credibility among the top nations, and its an honour to be in such a mighty group."

But if those senior players feel grateful, there is a "we will show

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them" attitude among the younger, mostly New Zealand born players.

Centre-half Ricki Herbert has just returned from the English first division club Southampton, where he faced stiff opposition for a place in the first team, and was eventually released without being offered a contract.

"Training with people like Kevin Keegan, lifts your game and sharpens it," said Herbert, who has returned to his old club Mount Wellington, but does not intend to sign a contract.

"I'm hoping to have a good World Cup, and then be open to offers. I have already had inquiries from West Adelaide, Marconi, and Canberra City about playing in Australia, but I would also be interested in any offers from European clubs," he said.

Wynton Rufer the young striker who was released by Norwich City scored four vital goals for his country in the late qualifying stages. He has exciting skills, and has so far shown good temperament for the big occasion.

Goalkeeper Richard Wilson had a season with Feyenoord in Holland and is now playing in the Philips league in Australia. His top form can be brilliant, and even taking into account the firepower that he will face in Spain, Wilson must be aware that in inspired 'shut out' could place him in demand.

Individuals apart, this New Zealand team has dovetailed itself together into a unit which has shown discipline in relentlessly tracking down and marking the other team, then supporting the ball carrier when in possession.

Whether the same pattern can be maintained against the likes of Brazil, Russia and Scotland is questionable, but Adshead and Fallon will be quick to seize the smallest advantage.

Scotland must still be haunted by its 1-1 draw with Iran in Agentina, and the fact that its exit from the '74 World Cup in West Germany stemmed from its 2-0 win over Zaire, whom the Yugoslavs beat 9-0, and Brazil a calculated 3-0.

Pressure applied to highly rated sides as well as 'minnows' and the longer any of New Zealand's matches last without goals being scored, the greater the chance that the Kiwis can cause an upset.

**Authority: New Zealand Football Association (founded 1891; FIFA 1948).**
**Population: 3.5 million; total players 41,698.**
**World Cup achievement: —.**
**Finals appearances: —.**
**Manager: John Adshead. Record in charge: 32-14-9-9-68-38 (since Jan. 1980).**

**Asia/Oceania group one**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Zealand | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 31 | 3 | 14 |
| Australia | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 9 | 10 |
| Indonesia | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 6 |
| Taiwan | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Fiji | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 5 |

**Play-off group**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kuwait | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| New Zealand | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 7 |
| China | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 7 |
| S. Arabia | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 1 |

**Play-off (in Singapore): New Zealand 2, China 1.**

**New Zealand scorers: Brian Turner 9; Grant Turner 8, Wooddin 8, Sumner 8; Rufer 4; Cole 2, Herbert 2; Mackay 1, McClure 1, Elrick 1.**

**POSSIBLE WORLD CUP SQUAD**

| *Name* | *Club* | *Pos.* | *Age* | *Caps* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Wilson | Preston, Australia | GK | 26 | 27 |
| Frank Van Hattum | Manurewa | GK | 23 | 7 |
| Barry Pickering | National Mutual Miramar | GK | 26 | — |
| John Hill | Gisborne City | FB | 32 | 13 |
| Adrian Elrick | North Shore United | FB | 33 | 57 |
| Glenn Dods | Adelaide City, Australia | FB | 25 | 24 |
| Dave Bright | Manurewa | DEF | 32 | 6 |
| Bobby Almond | Invercargill Thistle | SW | 30 | 36 |
| Ricki Herbert | Southampton | CB | 21 | 17 |
| Glen Adam | Mount Wellington | DEF | 23 | 16 |
| Sam Malcomson | East Coast Bays | DEF | 34 | 18 |
| Steve Sumner | West Adelaide | MF | 27 | 57 |
| Duncan Cole | Adelaide City | MF | 24 | 32 |
| Keith Mackay | Gisborne City | MF | 26 | 14 |
| Peter Simonsen | Manurewa | MF | 23 | 5 |
| Ken Cresswell | Gisborne City | MF | 24 | — |
| Allan Boath | West Adelaide | MF | 24 | 4 |
| Bill McClure | Mount Wellington | MF | 24 | 2 |
| Brian Turner | Gisborne City | F | 33 | 88 |
| Grant Turner | Sth. Melbourne, Australia | F | 24 | 15 |
| Steve Wooddin | Sth. Melbourne, Australia | F | 27 | 19 |
| Wynton Rufer | National Mutual Miramar | F | 20 | 7 |

**Note: International 'caps' correct as at January 10.**
**Age details correct as they will be on June 13.**

# Naval origin of Chatham Cup

**THE Chatham Cup, which is the blue riband of Association Football Club supremacy in New Zealand has a naval origin.**

On December 14, 1922, members of the New Zealand Football Association received an invitation to visit HMS *Chatham* for the purpose of receiving the Cup.

Valued then at £150, this handsome trophy was in immediate evidence on their arrival, and the entire ship's company was paraded for the presentation. Captain Prickett stated that a deputation of the ship's company has interviewed him, expressing a desire to give a football cup to New Zealand in return for the kindness and hospitable treatment extended to all, during the time of the ship's sojourn in the Dominion.

Sir Charles Skerret received the trophy with thanks, and rules were drawn up on similar lines to the English Cup. The competition was inaugurated in 1923, Seacliff, Otago defeating YMCA Wellington in the first final by 3-0.

**Recent Chatham Cup winners have been:**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1970 | Blockhouse Bay | 3 | Western Suburbs | 2 |
| 1971 | Western Suburbs | 3 | Wellington City | 2 |
| 1972 | Christchurch Utd. | 2 | Mount Wellington | 1 |
| 1973 | Mount Wellington | 3 | North Shore | nil |
| 1974 | Christchurch Utd. | 2 | Wellington D'mnd. Utd. | nil |
| 1975 | Christchurch Utd. | 4 | Blockhouse Bay | 2 |
| 1976 | Christchurch Utd. | 4 | Eastern Suburbs | nil |
| 1977 | Nelson Utd. | 1 | Mount Wellington | nil |
| 1978 | Manurewa | 1 | Nelson Utd. | nil |
| 1979 | North Shore | 2 | Mount Wellington | 1 |
| 1980 | Mount Wellington | 2 | Dunedin City | nil |
| 1981 | Dunedin City | 3 | Mount Wellington | 1 |

**Recent Rothman Soccer League Champions:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1970 | Blockhouse Bay | 1976 | Wellington Diamond Utd. |
| 1971 | Eastern Suburbs | 1977 | North Shore |
| 1972 | Mount Wellington | 1978 | Trans Tours Utd. |
| 1973 | Christchurch Utd. | 1979 | Mount Wellington |
| 1974 | Mount Wellington | 1980 | Mount Wellington |
| 1975 | Christchurch Utd. | 1981 | Wellington Diamond Utd. |

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# Who will refer 1982 World Cu

**WHO WILL referee the World Cup Final on July 11 in Madrid?**

The guessing has already started following FIFA's choice of the 41 men who make up the refereeing squad for the finals in Spain.

Narrow favourite is the Portuguese, Antonio Garrido, who refereed the European championship final in Rome two years ago and who will be taking part in his second World Cup. Garrido's claims are based on the obvious fact that he is one of the 21 men whose countries will not be competing in the finals — and the fact that he is the most experienced of these.

Another possibility is the Israeli, Abraham Klein. But remembering that last year all the Arab countries pulled the plugs on television coverage of the World Club Cup between Nacional and Nottingham Forest because of Klein's nationality, it seems unlikely that FIFA would fall into that trap.

Of the referees from competing countries Karoly Palotai (Hungary), Walter Eschweiler (West Germany) and Alexis Ponnet (Belgium) might come into the reckoning, depending upon the way matches and results swing.

An outsider who has impressed many European observers in Vojtech Christov of Czechoslovakia, while one of these years FIFA will surely break with tradition and appoint a South American.

Two noted absentees: Ulf Ericsson of Sweden, who was once one of UEFA's young stars; and the Welshman Clive Thomas. For his part, Thomas blames his decision to deny Brazil a goal against Sweden in 1978 because he had just blown for full time. But it's more complicated than that: Thomas has a habit of trailing controversy. It's just one of those facts of football; and FIFA can't afford to run the risk of any more. Same goes for Spain's Emilio Guruceta.

The World Cup referees: Algeria, Belaid Lacarne. Argentina, Arturo Iturrhalde. Australia, Tony Boskovic. Austria, Franz Wöhrer. Bahrain, Ebrahim Yousif Al-Doy. Belgium, Alexis Ponnet. Bolivia, Luis Barrancos. Brazil, Arnaldo Coelho. Bulgaria, Bogdan Dochev. Chile, Gaston Castro. Colombia, Guillermo Aristizabal. Costa Rica, Luis Siles Calderon. Czechoslovakia, Vojtech Christov. Denmark, Henning Lund-Sorensen. East Germany, Adolf Prokop. England, Clive White. France, Michel Vautrot. Ghana, Benjamin Dwomoh. Guatemala: Romulo Mendez Molina. Hong Kong, Thompson Chan Tan Sun. Holland, Charles Corver. Hungary, Karoly Palotai. Israel, Abraham Klein. Italy, Paolo Casarin. Libya, Yousef El-Ghoul. Mexico, Mario Rubio Vazquez. N. Ireland, Malcolm Moffat. Paraguay, Hector Ortiz. Peru, Enrique Labo. Poland, Alojzy Jarguz. Portugal, Antonio Garrido. Rumania, Nicolae Rainea. Scotland, Roberto Valentine. Spain, Agusto Lamo Castillo. Sweden, Erik Fredriksson. Switzerland, Bruno Galler. United States, David Socha. Uruguay, Juan Cardellino. USSR, Miroslav Stupar. West Germany, Walter Eschweiler. Yugoslavia, Damir Matovinovic. Reserves (from Spain): Jose Luis Garcia Carrion, Victoriano Sanchez Arminio and Emilio Soriano Aladren.

World Cup referee Clive White.

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**SILVANO MARTINA, the 29-year-old Sarajevo-born goalkeeper of Genoa, was found guilty by a court in Italy of common assault on World Cup star Giancarlo Antognoni ... but escaped without being sentenced.**

The reason was simple: although Antognoni suffered a fractured skull in their collision at the star of the year, the Fiorentina skipper had refused to put his name to an official complaint.

Martina was thus let off the hook, though the precedent is clearly an important one.

As for Antognoni, he made his comeback in the middle of March in a 1-0 win over Cesena which kept Fiorentina up at the shoulder of leaders Juventus. And, as fate would have it, the next week saw the return between Genoa and Fiorentina. The two players exchanged a handshake . . . and honours were even in a 0-0 draw.

Fiorentina president Ranieri Pontello, meanwhile, carries on making his plans for next season. Now that two foreigners per team will be allowed, he is confident of adding Argentine World Cup skipper Daniel Passarella to the squad which already contains 1978 World Cup winger Daniel Bertoni.

Milan, on the brink of relegation, may have to sell off even the one foreigner they have — Joe Jordan — because imports are still banned from the second division. But Inter Milan have been busy spying on Ramon Diaz, Hansi Müller and Cesena's Austrian, Walter Schachner.

Juventus are favourites to prise Zbigniew Boniek out of Poland, while Roma continue to pursue Brazil's Zico.

We shall see.

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**WORLD CUP finalists Cameroon were 'awarded' only one position when journalists voted on an Ideal Team from the recent African championships finals in Libya. Not surprisingly, he was goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono.**

Algeria, who finished fourth under new manager Rachid Mekloufi had three players in the 'Team' — Fergani, Assad and Madjer. But the Best Players award went to the Libyan forward, Fawzi Issawi.

On the general administrative side it's hard to see how the championships will ever make ends meet. Staging costs were estimated at £700,000, with only £100,000 coming back in gate receipts and other income.

The next championships will be staged in the Ivory Coast in 1984. In the meantime the African confederation will be trying to sort out their refereeing standards. It wasn't all sour grapes when Algeria threatened to pull out of all African club and international competition if refereeing standards weren't improved.

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**AFTER all the tales of financial gloom from Britain, Holland, Argentina and Uruguay, it comes almost as a surprise to discover that at least one club made a huge profit on their last working year.**

No prizes for guessing the identity of that club: Barcelona. When president Jose Luis Nunez took over four years ago they were £6 million in debt and losing money hand over fist.

Barcelona are still in the red, but the banks aren't worrying about them any more. The club have just recorded a staggering £2.5 million profit on last year!

And, as the club with the biggest average home gate in the world, the enlarging of their Nou Camp stadium can only keep the cash rolling in.

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*NO ONE who saw Gerd Müller snapping up those famous 'little goals' will ever forget his penalty box precision. He scored 69 goals in 62 internationals for West Germany and it seemed he could hit the back of the net blindfold. Imagine the surprise of some of his old friends, visiting Müller's new restaurant in Florida – to find Der Bomber wearing spectacles! There didn't seem much to worry about his eyesight in the mid-1970s!*

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**COMPETING teams in this summer's Cup of the Alps involving clubs from France and Switzerland, have still to be decided.**

But the dates have already been laid down; July 17, 24, 27 and 31. The final will take place on August 3, just before the start of the new French domestic season.

Also decided are the dates for the most prestigious of Spain's summer tournaments, the Teresa Herrera in La Coruna. This will take place on August 13, 14 and 15. Likely clubs involved are Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Dynamo Kiev and the Brazilians from Internacional of Porto Alegre.

For the second year in succession, however, there will be no Costa del Sol tournament in Cadiz.

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**AS expected, Porto's appeal against the result of their Cup-winners' quarter final against Standard Liege was rejected by UEFA.**

Porto had complained that Simon Tahamata should have been sent off by referee Brian McGinlay. He had returned to the pitch without the referee's permission after treatment for an injury — a bookable offence. Earlier in the game Tahamata had been shown the yellow card for a foul.

Instead, Porto felt UEFA's displeasure themselves. Because both linesmen at the game were struck by missiles thrown from the crowd, Porto must play their next European home game at least 155 miles away.

**Other punishments:**

Real Madrid — fined £10,000 for their players' temperamental behaviour in the UEFA Cup-tie against Kaiserslautern. Laurie Cunningham suspended for four games, along with Francisco Pineda; Isidoro San Jose suspended for two games. All three players were sent off in the second leg.

Red Star Belgrade — £2,000 fine for fireworks thrown by fans during the Champions' Cup quarter final against Anderlecht (second offence).

Eintracht Frankfurt — £500 fine for firework throwing.

Radnicki Nis — £500 fine for firework throwing.

Bulgaria — £300 for crowd misbehaviour during the under-21 game against West Germany.

Feyenoord — £300 for crowd misbehaviour during the UEFA Cup tie with Radnicki Nis.

Sturm Graz — £2,000 fine for their team's conduct during the UEFA Cup tie against IFK Goteborg. Hubert Kulmer suspended for six European games, Heinz Schilcher suspenced for four games.

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**RIO'S Maracana stadium is still listed in all the official books and papers as the only football ground in the world with a 200,000 capacity.**

Perhaps now is the time to be more honest. As stadium officials admitted to West Germany's visitors before the recent match there, the safety limit now imposed on the Maracana is 160,000. And the match receipts record in Brazil belongs now not to the Maracana, but to the Morumbi stadium in Sao Paulo: £300,000 paid by fans to watch Brazil's recent draw with Czechoslovakia.

The Morumbi also holds the distinction of being the largest privately-owned football stadium in the world, since it belongs to the Sao Paulo FC.

It remains the paradox of Brazilian society that no matter what the poverty levels in so many cities and towns, virtually all boast fine, huge stadia. Football is indeed the modern opium of the people, it seems.

**Walter Schachner of Cesena and Austria . . . watched by Inter Milan.**

Brazil's biggest stadia:

Maracana (Rio 160,000 — Morumbi (Sao Paulo) 150,000 — Mineirao (Belo Horizonte) 110,000 — Beira-Rio (Porto Alegre) 100,000 — Rei Pele (Maceio) 100,000 — Fonte Nova (Salvador) 84,300 — Castelao (Fortaleza) 75,000 — Leonino Caiado (Goiania) 75,000 — Olimpico (Porto Alegre) 70,000 — Pacaembu (Sao Paulo) 70,000 — Arruda (Recife) 70,000 — Vivaldo Lima (Manaus) 70,000.

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**ONE MAN not too happy about the political problems between Britain and Argentina which blew up over the Falkland Islands was the gentleman putting together a £5 million package deal to sell five River Plate stars in Europe.**

Diplomatic difficulties meant that the British market was suddenly closed, leaving just Italy and Spain to sell in.

The players involved? Ubaldo Fillol, Americo Gallego, Mario Kempes, Ramon Diaz and Alberto Tarantini — just a few of the star names likely to head a major post-World Cup exodus.

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**WORLD Cup ticket sales appear to be going well. Some 37,000 of the 45,000 packages sold abroad by Mundiespana have now been taken up. Britain lead the way with 6,500, then come Algeria (5,000) and Kuwait and West Germany (4,000 each).**

Hoteliers in Alicante and Elche are threatening legal action against the organisers now that expected ticket/accommodation demands in this group have slumped. But there seems little doubt that the entire 45,000 packages will be fully booked.

Meanwhile someone else not happy is Diego Maradona, who thinks the Tango-Espana football is a little too quick, and will favour the European teams rather than the South American.

Finally, the competing teams seem to have happily booked their own facilities and accommodation — except England and El Salvador. England are now worried that the Tamarises hotel outside Bilbao may not be all they expected; and El Salvador have yet to book in anywhere, prompting rumours that they might yet pull out of the World Cup because of their domestic troubles.

Mexico stand by.

Here are the first round HQs:

Group I — Italy at Pontevedra; Poland at Santa Cruz de Mera; Peru at Bergondo; Cameroon at Santa Cristina. Group II — W. Germany at Gijon; Algeria at Ceceda-Oviedo; Chile at Oviedo; Austria at Candas. Group III — Argentina at Villajoyosa; Belgium at Elche; Hungary at Alicante; El Salvador possibly at Santa Pola. Group IV — England at Algota (Los Tamarises); France at Tordesillas; Czechoslovakia at Valladolid; Kuwait at Tordesillas. Group V — Spain at El Saler; Honduras at Tauste; Yugoslavia at Zaragoza; N. Ireland at El Saler. Group VI — Brazil at Carmona; Russia at Estepona; Scotland at Marbella; N. Zealand at Marbella.

**DON GIVENS, the Irish Republic veteran, wasn't the only foreign international involved in Neuchatel-Xamax's recent successful run in the UEFA Cup. Neuchatel also lined up Rainier Hasler of . . . Liechtenstein!**

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GOLDEN BOOT. Leaders — Hansen (Odense) 28 — Kieft (Ajax) 24 — Onnis (Tours), Shengelia (Tbilisi), Vandenbergh (Lierse), Quini (Barcelona) all 23 — Jorgensen (Nykobing), Kist (Alkmaar) both 22 — Gavrilov (Moscow Spartak) and Himanka (OPs) both 21.

### WORLD CUP WARM-UP PROGRAMME

May 1 — Austria v Switzerland (Vienna).
May 2 — Zaragoza v Chile.
May 5 — Brazil v Portugal (San Luis).
May 9 — **Deadline for squads of 40.**
May 11 — Argentina v Switzerland (prov).
May 12 — Norway v West Germany (Oslo) — Argentina v Rumania (prov).
May 13 — Algeria v Bulgaria (Algiers) *or* France v Bulgaria (Lyon).
May 15 — Internazionale v Chile (Milan).
May 19 — Austria v Denmark (Vienna) — Brazil v Switzerland (Recife).
May 24 — Scotland v Wales (British ch'ship) — Belgium v Denmark (Brussels).
May 25 — England v Holland (Wembley).
May 26 — Brazil v Paraguay (Rio).
May 27 — Wales v N. Ireland (British ch'ship).
May 28 — Denmark v Belgium (prov) — Brazil v Rumania.
May 29 — Scotland v England (British ch'ship) — Switzerland v Italy (Geneva).
June 1 — Hamburg v West Germany (Beckenbauer testimonial) — France v Wales (Toulouse).
June 2 — Belgium v Ajax Amsterdam — Chile v Servette.
June 3 — Finland v England.
June 5 — Portugal v Brazil.
June 9 — Porto v Italy.

Other fixtures for May: **May 1** — W. German Cup final (Frankfurt). **May 5** — UEFA Cup final, 1st leg. May 12 — Cup-winners' Cup final (Barcelona). May 15 — Swiss League Cup final, 1st leg. May 18 — Swiss league cup final, 2nd leg. May 19 — UEFA Cup final, 2nd leg. May 22 — FA Cup Final. May 26 — Champions' Cup final (Rotterdam). May 30/31 — Swiss Cup final.

# A Minister for Sport his head in the

**LORD protect us from our Ministers of Sport. The latest unspeakable incumbent, Neil Macfarlane, was at his most egregious on the occasion of the recent PFA dinner, when he departed from his official speech to make an extraordinary attack on the football Press.**

Limited in his acquaintance with the game, on assumes, by his occasional visits to Royal and directors' boxes, he ridiculed Press reports of hooliganism, which he dismissed as greatly exaggerated, and probably caused by the excessive hospitality received by journalists at matches.

He could scarcely, in his ineptitude, have got things more utterly and irresponsibly wrong; though I was not enormously surprised, having not long before received from him an invitation to a pow wow which contrived to spell my name wrong (I ignored it).

"Hospitality" at League clubs, the Rt.-Hon. gentleman should know, is exceedingly limited, exists barely at all before the game, is confined to tea and sandwiches or cake at half time, and only at the end becomes modestly alcoholic. It would be very hard for anyone not on the brink of sheer alcoholism to get drunk on what he receives in a Press bar. Perhaps our good Minister is confused by the hospitality he himself receives when he frequents the haunts of directors.

## Hooliganism

Be that as it may, his dismissal of the problem of hooliganism was breathtakingly crass. This season alone, a fan has been killed on the escalators at Seven Sisters Station after a Spurs v Manchester United game, Mike Robinson of Brighton and Joe Corrigan of Manchester City have been laid out by missiles, and there was vicious fighting around Wembley after the League Cup Final.

So far as the benighted Minister of Sport is concerned, Shakespeare had a line for it:
*And like a scurvy politician*
*Seem to see the thing thou dost not.*

**Much more pleasantly, the visit of the Queen Mother to the gala show of *Underneath The Arches*, a musical at the Prince of Wales which I helped to write, enabled me to speak to her of her extraordinary visit to Wembley Stadium, a year ago.**

The performance over, the Queen Mother, who had joined in endearingly and characteristically from the Royal Box, came back-stage to be presented to the company. When she told me how moving she had found the evening (King George VI used to refer to the Victoria Palace, when the Crazy Gang played there, as "my local") I was able to reply that her appearance at Wembley had itself been enormously moving.

You may, if you were there, remember what an astonishing ovation she had from all those young toughs on the terraces who for years had been jeering everybody's National Anthem, and only a few days previously had booed poor Willie Whitelaw to the echo when he inspected the teams.

To the Queen Mother, however, they extended an affection and a respect which I have never known them give to anyone else. It was, indeed, an immensely moving occasion which I had longed to mention to her; simply because, applauded and admired wherever she goes, she could hardly have realised the special significance of the welcome.

**KEITH BURKINSHAW was absolutely right: as he is about so many things, save the use of substitutes in the League Cup Final. Far too much football is being played in this country, and the law of diminishing returns has been ominously raising its head. Just look at Liverpool, the very capital of the English game, where attendances for midweek matches in that depression-ridden city have fallen so low.**

Burkinshaw's point is that fewer and better games would bring much bigger crowds; and I agree with him. Of course, he was partly inspired by the problems which have visited Spurs this season on account of their very success. The race for the League, involvement in Cup, League Cup and Cup-winners' Cup, have sometimes left them reeling around like exhausted men; not least in the League Cup Final and in the home game against Southampton which followed their hard match and late recovery in Frankfurt. Then, a three-goal lead was nearly frittered away.

For many years my view has been that pressure to reduce the number of matches should come from the players themselves, but they and their confused Union seem to find it hard to perceive their own true interests. They are much more interested in rabbiting on about transfer fees.

Pele . . . believed in preventive retaliation!

As things stand, the wage demands made by players on the clubs inevitably pushes those clubs into more and more fixtures, involvement in more and more tournaments; increasing the burden and shortening the careers of the player themselves. The First Division is ludicrously large at 22 clubs; and the low standard this season of Division Two makes it more obvious than ever how mistaken it is to promote and relegate three clubs. That is what the geriatrics of the League should be thinking about, rather than tinkering foolishly with the rules.

**RON GREENWOOD, England's manager, keeps prattling about alternative strategies to be used in the World Cup; but this begs the whole question of having a central strategy to rely on, and depart from.**

Especially mysterious, given the fact that Greenwood has long complained that English League teams, unlike those of the Bundesliga, all tend to play different kinds of formation, making it very difficult to devise a master plan for the national team, into which club players can effortlessly slot.

Against feeble Northern Ireland, at Wembley, Greenwood seemed to think he was playing a kind of *catenaccio;* which he wasn't. Butch Wilkins was in the first half pulled out of the midfield to act as sweeper behind two dodgy centre-backs in Foster and Dave Watson.

This in turn led to the denuding of the English midfield, in which effectively only Glenn Hoddle and Bryan Robson were operating, and thus necessitated the return of Francis and Keegan into the midfield, where the Irish had been presented with numerical superiority.

In the second half, Wilkins didn't play as a sweeper. He moved up into midfield, where he thus restored the balance, and helped to give England the ascendancy. Goals followed; though an early one had set England well on the path to success.

## Eruption

Greenwood must also be concerned by the most untypical eruption of Trevor Francis, sent off the field in the Manchester City/Everton game for allegedly butting Billy Wright; the incident itself following a curiously reckless challenge on Southall the Everton goalkeeper.

Francis, surely one of our most crystalline, talented players, has always been for me a kind of Bobby Charlton, a player *sans peur et sans reproche.* Obviously and inevitably he has been kicked and buffeted; sometimes dangerous fouls have resulted in appalling injuries.

But I agree with his capable biographer, Rob Hughes, that what makes the man so good is partly his calm, placid, accepting

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## The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

temperament. You don't *have* to be a kind of latter-day Prince Myshkin to succeed among the thousand hazards of the penalty area. Pele's declared policy was one which may be described as preventive retaliation. If they sorted him out, they could well receive a broken nose or leg. But even Pele sometimes suffered in consequence.

I remember in particular a tournament game when he was brutally marked and fouled by Mesiano of Argentina, so much so that eventually the red mist supervened and Pele butted him, breaking his nose; then felt so overcome by guilt that he did virtually nothing for the rest of the game which Argentina, bringing on a sub, won 3-0; away.

That Francis, a gentleman at heart, should have behaved so intransigently suggests to me a personal crisis caused by pressures of varying kinds. Just as, in a very different way, the sending round Italy like a parcel of Paolo Rossi eventually resulted in his involvement in the fixed odds betting scandal, and suspension for a couple of years.

Rossi comes out of purdah, or purgatory, at the beginning of May, but the Juventus manager, Giovanni Trapattoni, has made it quite clear that if things are going well for Juventus, he has no intention of bringing him back; just as he refused to bring back Roberto Bettega last March, after long absence through injury, and the aftermath of an operation.

For Enzo Bearzot, desperate for people who can score goals, the decision was a severe blow. He seems to have discounted the idea of bringing in the 19-year-old southerner Galderisi, despite his excellent consistency in the Juventus attack; and the sterility of the Italian strikers is now alarming.

**LET ME return, if I may, to the incident at Anfield when poor Joe Corrigan was struck by a bottle.**

It was a wine bottle, by all accounts; though the Football Association wriggled out of the contretemps by concentrating on another, smaller, bottle which had been lying on the field already.

Liverpool are a splendid, well-run, club, and I do not wish them any harm, but it still seems to me that the FA committee monstrously evaded its responsibilities, letting I dare not wait upon I would; letting, so to speak, one bottle act as an excuse for not dealing with the other; showing, if I may vary the metaphor, absolutely no bottle at all.

What earthly hope is there for our beleaguered game if those who are meant to look after its interests act with such despicable flabbiness?

**GOING, these days, to Arsenal is a penitential business, and it must have been desperation which induced the club (if indeed it did) to bid that £4 million for Diego Maradona.**

The truth is that they have been found horribly wanting in the transfer market, allowing Spurs to pip them for Ardiles and Villa, whom they could surely have signed with a little more enterprise, and doing nothing at all when it was quite clear that Frank Stapleton was leaving them. The publication, in the popular prints, of long lists of foreign stars whom they were supposedly pursuing was no more than a declaration of futility, and failure.

**On their way ... Aston Villa battle it out with Anderlecht. Here England centre forward Peter Withe rises above the Belgian defence to head for goal. Jacques Munaron saved but Villa still went through.**

More agreeable was the chance, after goodness knows how many years of waiting, to see *The Arsenal Stadium Mystery* on the television. The film, made just before the war, is a gloriously awful one, appallingly scripted, redeemed only by some surprisingly good shots of action. But I forgive it all for the Arsenal manager George Allison's splendid, fruitily synthetic, upmarket voice.

In Bilbao, a few weeks later, when Athletic were the opposition, England suddenly turned to what was effectively a 4-2-4; though to be fair to Greenwood and his deputy, Don Howe, wingers such as Coppell and Morley could just as well have played deep to turn it into a 4-4-2. Coppell, who can be so good when he doesn't have to do Phil Neal's defending for him, ran riot against the Bilbao defence, leading Greenwood into a state of euphoria. But since neither Hoddle, in midfield, nor Francis, up front, was playing, the pattern was radically different from what it might be were they present.

Hoddle remains an enigma, however superbly talented, but it's quite clear that he and Regis, Francis too, could slot in admirably together. As Steve Perryman the Spurs captain, who should surely be a candidate for the England right-back position, says, it's no use putting in forwards who drop back and want the ball to feet. Hoddle needs, with his marvellously struck and conceived long passes, forwards who will run on to them. Such as Regis and Francis. Add to this the fact that Ronnie Allen, West Bromwich Albion's manager, who recommended Regis to Albion in his non-league days with Hayes, believes that Regis operates best in a 4-4-2 formation, and you see the dimension of the problem.

Personally I don't think Greenwood has any clear idea of where he is going. Micawber-like, he lives from day to day, hoping that something will turn up, which it duly did, up to a point, in Bilbao. (Though he ought to have a good, hard, cold look at the perfectly awful marking at the far post which led to the Bilbao equalising goal.)

Where he is desperately unfortunate is in his pathetic lack of decent centre-halves; the more ironic in that he, himself, was a very competent performer in that position. I still remember how doughtily he played for Brentford, very much the underdogs, one day in the late 1940s against Spurs at White Hart Lane, when Tottenham were held to a 1-1 draw.

Right-back and centre-back; these are his crippling problems, and unless and until he contrives to solve them, I do not see how England can be taken seriously as a World Cup contender.

**AUSTRIA**

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# Cross - Section

## This month—FRANCE

**MUCH praised yet much criticised, it now seems that that good man Michel Hidalgo will, after all, quit his post as national team manager, after the World Cup finals, come what come may; becoming director of coaching and giving way to the former Nantes international half-back, Henri Michel.**

You can understand that by next July, Hidalgo will just about have had enough. He was much wounded just before the last World Cup, as we know, by the commercialism of the French players, the row over the stripes on their football boots, and in the intervening years he has come in for a great deal of flack from the Press; only to confound them all by steering the French national team safely into port again. A calm, kind, idealistic man rather than a ranter, shouter and flashy bully, a man who likes to encourage skill and attacking football, he has been good for the French game; and perhaps if France do well in the World Cup, we shall not have seen the last of him.

What was so encouraging, during the recent flurry of activity in Paris, was the proof that France are not by any means a one man team, as we had been beginning to fear. Michel Platini's performance against Italy had been so superb, so dominating, so decisive, that the idea of a French team without him seemed a little absurd, not to say preoccupying. Yet when it came to the Northern Ireland match, Jean François Larios, the big, dark Saint Etienne midfielder who had been so sharply critical of his rivals for a midfield position in the squad, grabbed the chance to show how great an influence he can be.

So much so that it seemed strange that anybody should have discounted the idea of putting him in as a kind of physical foil and bodyguard to his team mate, Platini. Northern Ireland certainly gave France a fright in the earlier stages, but once Larios had won his battle of the midfield against Martin O'Neill, the traffic was essentially one way.

### Thorn

It was one of those nights when almost everything seemed to come off for Larios. When Brotherston, quite a thorn in the side of the Frence defence in the initial phases, stumbled over the ball in the second half, Larios went roaring through alone, the Irish defence parting like the waves of the Red (or white) sea. Platt made a resourceful save, but when he then pulled down Bellone, Larios made a splendidly cool, precise job of the penalty.

There seems, indeed, almost a superabundance of riches in midfield and on the wings — unfashionable but exhilarating. So much so that the 19-year-old Bellone was actually used, not as the left winger he is, but as a central striker. That glorious left foot hooked in what would have been the most spectacular goal of the game, had it not been ruled out for offside.

**Christian Lopez of Saint Etienne and France.**

Centre-back, of course, is another matter. It grows clearer than ever that Lopez and Trésor cannot really co-exist, that both want to play sweeper, and that if the place goes to Marius Trésor, as it surely must, then the heavily built Lopez is vulnerable to quick players who run at him; as we had already seen in Dublin, earlier in the season.

Alain Giresse, meanwhile, continues to play with such enormous brio that he seems sure of a place, while there is nothing amiss with the present contributions of the energetic Genghini. Add Jean Tigana when he is fully fit and France have a potential midfield, with reserves, which can stand comparison with most in the coming World Cup; except perhaps Brazil.

Didier Six and Dominique Rocheteau did not play against Northern Ireland, and to bang in four goals without them, and Lacombe, was a most heartening achievement.

Meanwhile Bernard Zénier of Nancy, the left-winger who got the first goal against Northern Ireland, is the latest to stake a good claim for a place in the World Cup roster. He came into the French side following an excellent performance at home to Saint Etienne, in heavy conditions which were hardly ideal for a player of his quick kind.

Zénier, an enthusiastic club man, says that Nancy's position in mid-table has allowed them to relax and play attractive, if collective, football. He himself has certainly been in form.

For the first time ever, a footballer, and a professional sportsman, has been honoured as sportsman of the year by the association of sports journalists, not only for his achievements on the field but for his moral qualities, and for his relations with the Press. The French international defender said he was especially pleased because it was his first individual honour, and because his club, Nantes, had not been doing too well. Switched to the middle during the game against Northern Ireland, after Lopez went on, it begins to look as if Bossis will occupy a centre-back position for France, in Spain.

Bordeaux, battling away at the top of the League, and also heavily embroiled against Monaco in the Cup (having won a vital Championship game 1-0 against them) seem to have discovered a secret weapon. Knowing that Monaco are a team which mark up well, the Bordeaux manager, Aime Jacquet, told his Yugoslav international goalkeeper Pantelic, well known for scoring penalties, not to throw the ball as he usually does but to give it, so to speak, the big welly. Jacquet admits that the Big Bertha tactic may be somewhat crude; but certainly it proved quite effective, with missiles raining out of the sky from Pantelic's punch on a much tried Monaco defence.

Claude Bez, Bordeaux's cheerful chairman, makes light of the heavy programme that they face. It proves, he says, that Bordeaux are now a leading club; one should not complain that the bride is too beautiful.

Talking of heavy programmes, Lazlo Balint, Toulouse's Hungarian international sweeper, has one of the hardest, commuting between Toulouse and Budapest. Recently, he played a Saturday evening Second Division game against Thonon, then flew to Budapest to represent Hungary in a friendly against Antwerp, won 8-2 with Balint, an eager attacker, getting a goal. That was on the Wednesday. Back to France to play for Toulouse against Cannes on the Friday, off to Budapest then to win his 72nd cap against Austria the next Wednesday; and back again to play for Toulouse against Marseilles. At 34 years old!

Just how much Michel Platini means to Saint Etienne, as well as to France, was graphically shown when Saint Etienne put some of Bordeaux's anxieties emphatically to rest by thrashing them 5-0, on Platini's return. Even the expulsion of Janvion, which reduced them to 10 men at 3-0, did not halt the Greens' amazing gallop. And Platini was the inspiration.

**CROSS-SECTION**

**Saint-Etienne 5** (Larios 4, Nielsen 6, Platini 9, Nogues 52, Rep 86)
**Bordeaux 0**
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 33,525. **Ref:** Quiniou

**Saint-Etienne:** Castaneda — Battiston, Gardon, Lopez, Lestage — Janvion (sent off 18), Zanon, Larios, Platini — Nielsen (Nogues 31), Rep. Coach: Herbin.

**Bordeaux:** Pantelic — Thouvenel, Rohr, Tresor, Bracci (Martinez 54) — Girard, Tigana, Giresse — Soler, Lacombe, Gemmrich. Coach: Jacquet.

**Paris Saint-Germain 1** (Surjak 21)
**Nice 1** (Metsu 28)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 15,335. **Ref:** Delmer.

**Paris SG:** Baratelli — Pilorget, Morin, Renault, Domenech — Lemoult, Fernandez, Dahleb (Boubacar 29) — Sanchez, N'Gom (Toko 74), Surjak. Coach: Peyroche.

**Nice:** Rey — Morabito, Bruzzichelli, Curbelo, Zambelli — Metsu, Cappadona, Slijvo — Bravo (Marguerite 71), Buscher, Schaer. Coach: Domingo.

**Monaco 1** (Bellone 54)
**Montpellier 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 1,939. **Ref:** Dailly.
**Monaco:** Ettori — Liegeon, Perais, Vitalis, Puel — Christophe, Barberis, Recordier — Valadier, Pecout (Amoros 72), Bellone (Edstroem 76). Coach: Banide.
**Montpellier:** Formici — Zorzetto, Durand, Santini, Baldassara — Mansouri (Gasset 67), Baltimore, Pasqualetti — Luizinho, Trossero, Sarramagna. Coach: Bonnet.

**Strasbourg 3** (Lacuesta 3 and 58, Piasecki 10)
**Lille 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 4,761. **Ref:** Bouillet.
**Strasbourg:** Ottman — Marx, Specht, Jocar, Glassmann — Vogel, Deutschmann, Piasecki — Rouyer (Jenner 57), Tanter (Nielsen 68), Lacuesta. Coach: Lemerre.
**Lille:** Bergeroo — Zagar, Dreossi, Pean, Domergue — Muslin, S. Planque, Delemer — Grumelon, Francoise, Simon (Bocchi 46). Coach: Arribas.

**Laval 2** (Redon 61, Souto 65)
**Bastia 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 7,794. **Ref:** Lopez
**Laval:** Tempet — Gauthier, Zvunka, Bozon, Milon (Perard 4) — Polaniok, Soutom, Redon — Rourebbou, Krause (Stefanini 75), Thordarsson. Coach: Le Milinaire.
**Bastia:** Hiard — Badjika, Orlanducci, Vernet, Bacconier — Fiard, Marcialis (De Zerbi 80), Ponte — Ihily, Milla, Bracconi (Martini 75). Coach: Redin.

**Auxerre 0**
**Nantes 1** (Toure 55)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 11,500. **Ref:** Girard.
**Auxerre:** Bats — Charles, Gendreau, Lokoli, Noel — Cuperly, Ferreri, Lanthier — Danio, Szarmach, Garande (Remy 78). Coach: Roux.
**Nantes:** Bertrand-Demanes — Bibard, Rio, Bossis, Ayache — Muller, Rampillon, Toure — Agerbeck (Adinkor 81), Baronchelli (Picot 66), Amisse. Coach: Vincent and Suaudeau.

**Brest 0**
**Nancy 1** (Zenier 48)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 7,161. **Ref:** Di Bernardo
**Brest:** Bernard — Kedie, Le Maguaresse, Gueye, Honorine — Justier, Van Straelen, Bernardet — Parizon, Bureau, Vabec. Coach: De Martigny.
**Nancy:** Moutier — Cloet, Neubert, Zappia, Jeannol — Martin, Perdriau, Umpierrez — Collina, Rubio, Zenier. Coach: Huart.

**Lens 1** (Flak 31)
**Valenciennes 1** (Orts 19)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 11,731. **Ref:** Lartigot.
**Lens:** Hedoire — Joly, Flak, Senac, Bade — Krawczyk, Leclerq, Vercruysse (Agistini 75) — Xuereb, Thordarsson, Brisson. Coach: Serafin.
**Valenciennes:** Bas — Pesin, P. Zaremba, Sokal, Tihy — Nagiel (Focone 46), Lefebvre, Larvaron — Jacques, Orts, Dideaux. Coach: Tempowski and Wilczek.

**Metz 4** (Bernad 15, Morgante 61, Jankovic 66, Tucak 75 pen)
**Tours 2** (Onnis 67 pen and 88)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 7,060. **Ref:** Vautrot
**Metz:** Ettore — Thys, Mahut, Tucak, Zdun — Bracigliano, Piette, Bernad — Hinschberger (Raspollini 77), Morgante (Rohr 69), Jankovic. Coach: Kasperczak.
**Tours:** Desrousseaux — Simondi, Brulez, Steck, Marais — Coiffier, Lacombe, Dehon — Ferrigno (Devillechabrolle 53), Onnis, Augustin (Maroc 74). Coach: Hollink.

**Sochaux 3** (Zimako 28, Stopyra 77 and 88)
**Lyon 1** (Emon 26)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 5,240. **Ref:** Rideau
**Sochaux:** Rust — Posca, Ruty, Luketin, Zandona — Ivezic, Anziani, Genghini (Colin 65) — Zimako, Stopyra, Revelli. Coach: Mosca.
**Lyon:** Topalovic — Boissier, Furlan, Ferri, Vargoz (Lubin 80) — Olio, Moizan, Fournier, Chiesa — Nikolic, Emon. Coach: Kovacevic.
**Top scorers:** Onnis (Tours 23 — Szarmach (Auxerre) 20 — Platini (Saint-Etienne) 18 — Lacombe (Bordeaux), Thordarsson (Lens) 16 — Krause (Laval), Edstroem (Monaco) 14 — Vabec (Brest), Giresse (Bordeaux), Nikolic (Lyon), Stopyra (Sochaux) 13.

# Ups and downs of players

## by Philip Smith

**IN ALL walks of life there are the ups and there are the downs. The footballer's lot is no exception. One year it can be the league title, the European Championships and the Footballer of the Year award.**

The next year can be dogged with injury problems, managerial departures and a place at the foot of the table.

If these things worked on a yearly cycle then 1982 should be a good year for Jan Ceulemans. With the World Cup Finals looming up on the horizon, Belgian fans will certainly be hoping this is the case, as it's fair to say the Club Brugge star hasn't had an easy time of late.

Ceulemans's misfortunes can initially be traced back to December 1980 when he picked up a groin straing during training. The Club doctors put it down to a combination of heavy grounds taking their toll on the effort put into every match. A rest was out of the question though, as Club had a league match the following Sunday and Ceulemans himself was in the Belgian squad due to play a World Cup tie in Cyprus the week after. Despite being taken off once the league match was secure and also having a week free from training the hard Nicosia pitch aggravated the injury.

From then until the end of the season the injury persisted and whilst it was hoped the summer break had provided the rest necessary the pain returned in August and has been plaguing him ever since. Once again there was no question of a break and Ceulemans accepts that he has to manfully battle on.

Club's plight at the foot of the table deems this essential, and is one Ceulemans attributes to the fact that since his arrival at Club he has played under eight trainers: Happel, Beres, Bollen, Grijzenhout, Mertens (twice), Gress, Kohn and Coppens (recently replaced by Mertens). Each had his own methods and brought in a wide variety of players. Many poor signings have been made and in the cases of Meeuws and Vandereycken in particular players have been released without adequate replacements. Ceulemans with good reason feels that if both had stayed Club would be fighting it out at the top of the table instead of battling to stave off the threat of relegation.

It's all a far cry from the summer of 1978, when the then 21-year-old prospect left his home town team of Lierse in the hope of achieving regular success at Club. He had been associated with Lierse since the age of nine, starting out as a midfielder but switching to attack when he found himself squeezed out of the youth team due to a surplus of midfield aspirants. Under the guiding influence of Lierse president Bob Quissenaerts and trainer Hans Croon progression was rapid. A goalscoring first team debut was the first of a flood of goals, and by the time he was 20, a place in the full international team had already been achieved.

**Jan Ceulmans (right) with Viktor Samochin (left) of Spartak Moscow.**

A move to a larger outfit was inevitable, and at the time Club Brugge were continually eclipsing the likes of Anderlecht and Standard Liege. At first it wasn't easy to settle in, as many expected Ceulemans to be the new Raoul Lambert. Whilst 'Lotte' was still around, the newcomer could only ever hope to be the second favourite.

Club's championship winning effort of 1979/80 was proof that a worthy successor had been found. Twenty-nine league goals was almost half the team's total for the season and was the main reason why Club lifted the title for the fourth time in five years. The Spionkop had found a new hero, and even though fortunes have since plummeted, Ceulemans still thinks his home supporters are the best in the world.

Soon after that memorable league campaign it was off to Italy, where he played a major part in the Belgian's progression to the Final. Under the eyes of millions Ceulemans' talents were not slow to be noticed and since Italy there has been frequent speculation concerning a possible transfer out of Belgium. It's well known that his was a name high on the AC Milan shopping list last summer. And as if anticipating an eventual move out of Belgium his present contract, renewed for four years last summer, now contains a clause which stipulates he can leave at the end of each season if an offer is judged satisfactory by the Club directors.

One of the major reasons for joining Club in the first place was the prospect of regular European football. But the past three seasons have seen Club fall at an early hurdle to opposition which five years ago would have summarily been swept aside and next season it's certain they won't even get to the starting stalls. Despite his obvious loyalty to his employers it looks increasingly likely that come the summer Ceulemans will wish to move on. And what better place to display the wares than the showroom that will be the 1982 World Cup Finals.

The player himself is the first to admit that by his own high standards the past year has been unspectacular. Playing in a struggling side inevitably means a certain lack of confidence and a slide down the slope of mediocrity. Add a nagging injury and it wouldn't be too difficult to get downhearted. Add also the responsibility of captaining the Club Brugge struggliers yet trying to lead by example. It doesn't need a mastermind to realise that the sooner Ceulemans gets free from the current season and into the World Cup build-up the better.

## SWITZERLAND and AUSTRIA by Arthur Rotmil

# Grasshoppers appoint Weisweiler

**THE big surprise of the month was the engagement of Hennes Weisweiler as team manager by Grasshoppers. Some Swiss papers described it as the most outstanding transfer in the history of Swiss football. The 62-year-old, father of a five-month-old (!) baby boy, nicknamed the "professor", signed a two-year contract and will take up his duties in Zurich immediately after the World Cup, in July.**

Weisweiler released by New York Cosmos had offers from several other clubs — Eintracht Frankfurt and allegedly Real Madrid were said to be among other interested parties. He is the fourth German coach at Grasshoppers. Helmuth Johannsen, Jürgen Sundermann and Friedhelm Konietzka were his predecessors. Weisweiler won the Bundesliga championship with Borussia Mönchengladbach in 1970, 1971 and 1975, the Cup in 1973 and the UEFA Cup in 1975. With Cologne the "double" in 1978 and the Cup again in 1977; with New York Cosmos the US championship.

He claims that he is not interested in money as much as in a new challenge, hence he chose a Swiss club, well known, it's true, but nevertheless with an average gate of only 5,600. Personally, I shall be surprised if Weisweiler, for all the immense publicity his appointment received here, can fulfil his ambitions in Zurich. He is known as an excellent coach and discoverer of young talent, but also as a stubborn man who fell out with such stars as Johan Cruyff in Barcelona (where he didn't stay long) and Giorgio Chinaglia in New York, because they wouldn't obey his dictatorial orders.

I also remember him as making the most disastrous substitution which probably cost Cologne the European Cup in 1979. After a 3-3 draw at Nottingham Forest, the Germans needed only a low-scoring draw at home to meet outsiders Malmö in the final on German soil in Munich. But Weisweiler inexplicably substituted his only genuine striker Dieter Müller with the unfit and soon hobbling Flohe and had no answer to Forest's only goal.

The season re-started in February with the quarter-finals of the League Cup which brought two sensations. Servette, the early run-away league leaders, fell at home to St. Gallen (1-2), while Basel lost to modest Aarau 1-0. In the semi-finals St. Gallen will play Winterthur (Second Division), whilst Aarau meet Lucerne.

In the championship Servette were gradually losing ground, especially to Grasshoppers, who beat them by 3-0 with the redoubtable marksman Claudio Sulser scoring twice and making the other for Zanetti. A week later the "Hoppers" also beat FC Zurich, their local rivals thus inflicting on them their first defeat of the season. A newcomer, 19-year-old Gabriel Marchand, headed a brilliant winner at the Letzigrund before 20,000 fans.

FC Zurich still draw the biggest home gates — average is 9,230, followed by Lucerne 8,992 and Servette 8,330. Neuchatel Xamax' marvellous run in the UEFA Cup came to a glorious end. After losing just 2-3 to West Germany's powerful Hamburg SV (the Swiss led by 2-1), they could only draw 0-0 at home, before the club's record crowd of 21,615. Temporary seating accommodation was installed to cope with the demand for tickets, for this the greatest match in Neuchatel's history.

Xamax could at least gain satisfaction from the fact that they put one of Europe's top teams under pressure, gave as good as they got and with any luck might have sprang the biggest sensation in Swiss European Cup history. Xamax' manager, the Frenchman Gilbert Gress, who has done wonders with this underrated team, is now being tempted by offers from several clubs, including West Germany's VfB Stuttgart, his former club, who are seeking a replacement for Jürgen Sundermann. Basel would also like Gress for they intend to release the German Helmut Benthaus, who after 17 years in office is looking for a fresh challenge. He may be succeeded by his compatriot Otto Luttrop, known in his active career with 1860 Munich as "Atom Otto" because of his fearsome shooting. Luttrop has been playing and coaching in Switzerland for years and since 1977 he looks after Chiasso. Luttrop and Benthaus played, incidentally, together many years ago for Westfalia Herne.

There was widespread satisfaction that Paul Wolfisberg decided to remain in charge of the national team. Wolfisberg led Switzerland to their best series since 1939! Last year the Swiss played eight matches, winning four, drawing three and losing just one. The 2-1 win over England is rated one of their finest in recent history. The 48-year-old Wolfisberg has signed a contract till June 1984, which means he will lead the national side in the European Championships in which Switzerland are drawn with Scotland, Belgium and East Germany. He has given up his position of Technical Director with FC Lucerne, who have replaced him with the Yugoslav Milan Nikolic (51). He acquired Dutch nationality in 1961 and is at present in charge of FC Friedrichshaven in West Germany.

Wolfisberg will stay in Lucerne till the end of the season. His added problem was that he runs an architect's business which took a lot of his time, whilst he was looking after both the club and the national side. His retention was warmly greeted by all parties concerned. The SFV (FA) and the players, as well as overwhelmingly the public, were delighted. Frankly there was no one in sight who could have taken this demanding job, requiring not only coaching, but also linguistic skills to deal with players using three different tongues.

The 2-1 win over Portugal in a friendly in Lugano was a lucky, laborious affair watched by 13,800 fans.

# Bundesliga will be increased

**THE Executive Committee of the Austrian FA (ÖFB) has proposed the increase of the First Division (Bundesliga) from 10 to 16 teams. Only two clubs, FK Austria and Austria Salzburg voted against it. It is expected that this proposal will be ratified in time for next season.**

The main reason for the departure from the concept of a "Super League" is the matter of economics. The drop in attendances is directly attributed to the small division in which the clubs play each other four times and can also meet in the Cup. Scotland, where they have also had a 10-team Premier Division for the past six years, are also planning an increase and return to the old-type league programmes with just one set of home and away fixtures for the season.

The so-called "Braschler Affair" has occupied a lot of space in the Austrian sports pages recently. Promoted Wacker Innsbruck used their striker Manfred Braschler in a match against Sturm Graz in which he scored a hat-trick. He was subsequently tipped for the national squad, but disclosed that he has a Swiss passport.

At that, Sturm Graz, FK Austria and Wiener Sportklub were alerted and lodged a protest, because in Austria only three foreigners per team are allowed, but Wacker had already fielded three imported players next to Braschler, in matches against them and gained altogether five points. FK Austria later withdrew their protest because they "did not want to scrounge points off Wacker on a matter of principle, or interpretation of rules" as their spokesman explained.

Braschler was born on October 8, 1958, in Silz, near Innsbruck in Austria. He has an Austrian footballers' licence but no passport, because his father emigrated 25 years ago from Switzerland and married an Austrian girl, though he never became an Austrian citizen. The FA once picked Braschler for the "Under-21" team, but dropped him when it was disclosed that he was Swiss. Despite this, the player is still registered as an Austrian! Neuchatel Xamax, hearing of his "Swiss connection", wanted to engage Braschler but wouldn't meet Wacker's valuation.

The ÖFB decided to reject the protests of the two clubs, while Braschler applied for and was granted Austrian nationality!

Grazer AK, who fired their Yugoslav team manager Tschik Cajkovski, engaged in his place Gustl Starek. He played formerly for 1.FC Nürnberg and Bayern Munich and won with each a West German championship medal. Starek has a contact till the summer, but if he does well he may be asked to extend it for two years.

GAK, meanwhile, are in financial straits. The club, who had to pay-off Cajkovski, lost money through the bad weather in the autumn. They calculated a gate of £17,500 from the visit of FK Austria, but because of ice and snow only 2,000 fans turned up who paid a meagre £1,750.

Austrian clubs have been hard hit by a new law whereby the sponsorship money is to be taxed. Some clubs may have to pay 50 per cent of their income in taxation. Since 70 per cent of their revenue in the First Division comes from sponsors, or promotional contracts, the clubs fear a financial disaster.

The FA have promised the players a bonus of £110,000 to be divided between the squad if the national team reaches the second stage of the World Cup. Over £250,000 (25 per cent) of the ÖFB's total budget has been set aside for World Cup expenditure.

Great amusement was created by Linzer ASK, who sent a psychologist to prepare the players before the match v Rapid. But the players locked the dressing room door and their spokesman said: "We don't need a head-shrinker — then they went out and won 2-0.

After the winter break the League programme resumed in mid-February with surprising defeats of the two top clubs. Rapid, who were then leaders, lost at home to LASK, while FK Austria fell to their namesakes at Salzburg. But the following week the favourites redressed the balance, Rapid winning in Salzburg 3-0, Austria triumphant by 4-1 against Innsbruck. As I write, Austria and Rapid are clear at the top, chased by Admira and GAK.

Rapid's international forward, Christian Keglevits (21), lost his cool in the match against Graz. Upset by several referee's decisions which went against him, the youngster retaliated when the referee indicated that he was sending him off. Keglevits kicked the ball on the referee's head so hard, that the official momentarily lost consciousness and had to be revived. When he came too, he didn't remember which player hurt him, or any previous incident, so Keglevits carried on playing . . .

The national team's 3-2 win over Hungary was their first in Budapest for 21 years. It was a fine start for Austria's new team manager Georg Schmidt. He was able to field all his foreign "mercenaries" and in fact the five he fielded were his best players on the night — Pezzey, Schachner, Hintermeier, Prohaska and Jara. In this friendly, the 125th meeting between Hungary and Austria and the oldest international fixture on the Continent, the Austrians led 3-0 with goals from Krankl, Schachner and Hattenberger, but then in typical fashion they sat back allowing the Magyars to pull back a couple of goals. Midfielder Jara complained afterwards: "There is something in our mental make up, that when we have a comfortable lead everybody relaxes and thinks this is it. Such an attitude could be costly in the World Cup."

The critics were also quick to pinpoint this old Austrian failing. Nonetheless, it was a fine match with both teams recalling past days of glory.

## from ERIC WEIL

West German defender Breitner tries to block Calderon's equaliser in the 1-1 draw in Buenos Aires in March.

# Colombia 1986— still questions

**WITH apparently little hope left of gaining government (financial) backing — parliament will deal with the matter again when it meets in July — Colombian FA officials have turned to private business concerns to help them achieve their object of staging the 1986 World Cup finals.**

A publicity campaign, run by an advertising agency, has begun in favour of the championship and FA president Alfonso Senior, the man chiefly responsible for getting FIFA to select Colombia in 1974 and the tournament's most ardent defender, says that during the World Cup finals in Spain all details showing that Colombia can stage the next tournament will be handed to FIFA and the press.

The truth is, however, that, apart from the propaganda campaign, nothing is being done at the moment, the various sites do not have either the stadium or hotel capacity, nor communications at the moment to make the staging of such an event possible. And even FIFA president, Joao Havelange is beginning to have his doubts. Interviewed in Brazil recently, Havelange said that he had been told by Colombian officials of the problems involved and that the International Federation was already considering alternative sites . . . Brazil, Mexico, Canada and the United States.

Havelange also said that the fact that the number of finalists had been increased from 16 to 24 for this year's finals in Spain does not mean that they will eventually be increased further. "The ideal number is 24, taking account the time for the championship — one month — and there would be no sense in extending it to 40 or 50 days."

Havelange also talked about recent trials to change rules, citing specially the suspension for five minutes of players for minor offences. "This would lead to muscular problems in the colder countries," he said, "but I think that soccer is complete, finished and perfect and there are no reasons to change anything."

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**CHILE concentrated their 28 chosen players for World Cup preparations on February 23 in the Andes mountains and then a beach resort for two weeks of intensive physical training — running, gym, weight lifting — without touching a ball at the end of which coach Luis Santibañez said: "Physically they are in shape to start playing in the World Cup tomorrow."**

Veteran defender Elias Figueroa said: "For me this had been a forgotten experience, because not since 1966, when I was called up to the world Cup squad when only 17, have we gone through such an intensive training programme."

The only unfortunate note — three players had to drop out of the squad. Hector Puebla caught typhoid fever (a common disease in some parts of Chile during the summer), while Oscar Herrera and Luis Hormazabal dropped out with injuries which needed operations. All three are forwards, but coach Santibañez said he was not going to name replacements for the squad which still had three players over the permitted 22.

Chile had plans to play some 18 training matches before the World Cup, including three in Europe, mostly against club sides but also including home and away internationals with Peru.

**BRAZILIAN coach Elba de Padua Lima (Tim) called up a squad of 27 Peruvian players (including six with foreign clubs) and began intensive training with 20 players near Lima on February 24.**

Two of the exiles, Guillermo La Rosa and Cesar Cueto, were bought for $700,000 by a local TV station to be able to join the squad, but negotiations were still continuing for the release of others — Jeronimo Barabadillo (Monterrey, Mexico), Juan Oblitas and Percy Rojas (Belgium's Seresien) and Teofilo Cubillas (Fort Lauderdale Strikers, US) — while there was bad news about Hector Chumpitaz, their veteran captain. His achilles tendon injury, which put him out of soccer at the end of last season, required a second operation and he would not be fit in time for the World Cup.

Peru's early training programme was also directed mostly towards the physical side while they also watched tapes of Cameroon's matches on their way to the World Cup finals which made the players feel that they were not serious rivals for Peru.

The Peruvian squad intends to leave for 10 days acclimatisation in Cologne (West Germany) from May 25 and then move on to La Coruna 10 days before their first World Cup match against Cameroon. Meanwhile they were playing a series of 14 warm-up matches including two internationals against Peru (mentioned above) and then, on a short European tour, against Northern Ireland and France.

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**LIBERTADORES CUP play started in first round groups 4 and 5, but half of the matches will not be played until after the World Cup as clubs have to give up players to national team squads.**

Ecuadorian champions, Barcelona, started with an impressive win over compatriots, Liga Deportiva Universitaria, by 4-1. They lined up three newly acquired Brazilians with two of them, Paulo Cesar and Alcies de Oliveira sharing the goals, but in the return match they lost 4-2 to their rivals. (Full results so far under Classified results).

**Uruguay,** eliminated from the World Cup finals for the second time running, are already thinking of 1986. A government-backed national junior tournament, for 15-16 year old's, was started in December in which 532 teams took part — which, for a country of barely three million inhabitants, is quite a lot. The tournament, called "Uruguay 86", ended in March with a final played in Montevideo in front of 40,000 spectators at Centenario Stadium with the winner, Paso de Los Toros (the brand name of a well known soft drink here), getting a trip to Spain for the World Cup finals as a prize. Another similar competition, to find future stars, is already planned for next year.

**Brazil's** world club champion, Flamengo, wants to organise a tournament for previous world champions at the giant Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro from August 7-20 with the participation of Boca Juniors (Argentina), Ajax (Holland), Atletico Madrid (Spain) and Internazionale (Italy) apart from Flamengo and similar to the tournament of champions held in Rome last year and won by Internazionale. Clubs would be paid $70,000 per match with an extra $100,000 going to the winner.

GREECE by Lou Economopoulos

# Arhondidis—'We are not magicians'

**GREEK National Team manager Christos Arhondidis spends little time with his selected players.**

It's not that he wants it that way. He has no choice.

Club owners and managers have never liked the idea of their players risking injury in the national team. Thus they rarely allow their players to train or play for the Greek side.

"Now we need time, even if I could have the players around daily, morning and evening," said Arhondidis who hopes to change the situation.

So far, the unknown manager and his mostly young, untested players, have lost all four internationals this year.

"We are not magicians to change the team one day to another," explains Arhondidis. "We must be given the chance and time. Unfortunately, in our country, effort is rarely applauded."

After home losses to Portugal (2-1), East Germany (1-0) and the Soviet Union (2-0), the Greeks under Arhondidis and with four new faces in the line-up lost 2-1 to Czechoslovakia in Prague but played well.

Arhondidis said the team still lack a strong player in midfield and he hopes to solve this problem before Greece meets England in the European Championship next November.

He added: "I'm not going back to players who were once stars for the national team. Those players belong in the past. I will rely on the team who played against the Czechs and if a player goes well in the national youth team I will add him in. Inexperience is a problem, but one which can be overcome."

The team, as Arhondidis sees it now, consists of six players who have not been capped more than eight times.

The goalkeeper is Nikos Sarganis, 28, from Olympiakos who has been capped eight times. The defence is fairly inexperienced with each player having played in the national team only twice. Full-backs are Elias Berios (22, Apollon), Giannis Dontas (23, Apollon), Giannis Galitsios (23, Larisa), Nikos Karoulias (28, Panathinaikos) and Petros Mihos (22, Olympiakos).

In midfield Arhondidis counts on veteran captain Spiros Livathinos, 32, of Panathinaikos who has been capped 22 times, and AEK scorer Tomas Mavros, 28, who has played for the national team 30 times.

Up front the team consists of Kostas Kouis (27, Aris) with 16 caps, Nikos Anastopoulos (23, Olympiakos) with 14 caps and Grigoris Haralambidis (23, Panathinaikos) with four caps.

The substitutes are goalkeeper Vasilis Konstantinou (35, Panathinaikos, 29 caps); full-backs Kostas Tarasis (25, Panseraikos, one cap), Grigoris Papavasiliou (26, Kastoria, one cap), Stelios Manolas (20, AEK, one cap), and Nikos Halkidis (21, Panionios, one cap); half-backs Takis Dimopoulos (23, PAOK, one cap) and Takis Persias (24, Olympiakos, one cap); and forwards Giorgos Kostikos (23, PAOK, 20 caps) and Giannis Valaoras (23, Larisa, three caps).

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**MEANWHILE, in League action, Panathinaikos continue to lead with eight matches remaining. The Athenian team have a two-point lead over Olympiakos, three over PAOK and five ahead of AEK. The leading scorer with 18 goals is Kostikos, followed by Haralambidis with 14 goals.**

The League Cup competition continued on March 31 with first round action in the quarter-finals. The results were Kastoria 1, Panathinaikos 0; PAOK 1, Panionios 0; Larisa 1, Diagoras Rhodes 0; and OFI 0, Corinth 0. It should be noted that Diagoras are a Second Division club while Corinth face relegation this season from the First Division.

The president of Kastoria was jailed last month on charges of attempted bribery while Panathinaikos President Vardis Vardinogiannis was released after paying a fine of £46,300 in the same case.

George Halkidis had been accused of offering a Hercules player £20,000 to 'throw' the first round Cup match between Panathinaikos and Hercules. He was allegedly acting on behalf of Panathinaikos.

Meanwhile, Panathinaikos have charged Kastoria with ill treatment during their league match, March 28 in which Panathinaikos won 2-1 in Kastoria. The Athenian team said their players were kicked before, during and after the match by Kastoria players and fans.

Third Division player Achilles Konstandinidis was jailed for 20 days and fined £45 for striking referee Andreas Petoglou during a match in Salonica last month. Konstandinidis raced off the bench and hit Petoglou after a goal against his team. In court Konstandinidis claimed he hit Petoglou "by mistake."

Another referee, Ioannis Papachristodoulou, was hit by players and fans in Crete after the Second Division match between Chania and Vizas. In that contest 15 fans were arrested.

Referee Giorgos Tsiropoulos was held three hours in the dressing room and only heavy police protection got him out in Argos after the Second Division match.

The British manager of OFI, Les Shannon, knows how excited the fans here can be. He said: "The Greek fans want to act as managers from the stands. However at OFI, I am the boss. I run the team with my ears closed." OFI are 11th, 15 points away from the top but with no fear of being relegated.

Another foreign manager, the West German Dettmar Cramer, is finding out about the Greek soccer rules.

Kramer was shocked to see his leading scorer for Aris, George Zindros, shown a red card because he swore at the referee during a key match with Olympiakos.

"I've worked in 70 countries and everywhere the FIFA rules are applied. Maybe here in Greece I will have to be taught the new rules. Zindros should have received a yellow card and Olympiakos a free kick. That's all," said Cramer.

## Mansell era ends

*THE Jack Mansell era of the Israeli national team ended with the nomination of Josef Mirmovic from Yugoslavia as the Englishman's successor, writes Nadav Ya'acoby.*

*Mirmovic, 58, a past international (14 caps) and also national team manager for a while, in 1964, was elected after some surprising and peculiar moves inside the Israeli Football Association.*

*Mansell, a former Brighton, Cardiff and Portsmouth player, and later manager of some English Third and Fourth Division clubs as well as clubs in Holland, USA, Greece and Bahrain's national team, was appointed as Israel's boss in December 1979.*

*Israel faced then their first serious European challenge since 1968 and almost everyone feared that the results of facing Scotland, Portugal, Sweden and Northern Ireland would work against Israel's wish to be accepted into UEFA membership.*

*Although he made some slips and had some failures, on the whole, Mansell's two years must be regarded as successful.*

*But unfortunately for him, some chauvinistic and narrow-minded journalists called for his sacking, and even a petition from the players themselves, expressing faith in Mansell's work and system didn't help.*

*Mansell's record in the World Cup qualifiers, five points from eight matches was not bad for a team such as Israel, without any experience in official European competitions, either at club or at national level. But when you look closer at the games, you'll see that there were brave performances at home and abroad, such as drawing 1-1 in Sweden, winning handsomely 4-1 against Portugal, and playing brilliantly against the Irish and the Scottish in Ramat Gan, even if only one point came from those matches.*

*Although Mansell said more than once that after finishing his job he would try his luck in America, there are rumours now that he intends to stay here and take a job in one of Israel's First Division teams, probably Maccabi Haifa.*

*In the meantime, the new boss called 35 players to the squad which will start training together for the Olympic qualifiers. That means that all of the players were born after January 1, 1961 so that they are all within FIFA's age limits for the 1984 Olympic tournament.*

*Israeli football faces now one of its most crucial times. Gates are falling, the youth turn to other sports and the salaries paid to the players and managers are out of all proportion. A game which every season attracts the top gate of more than 20,000, the "big" Tel Aviv derby – Maccabi versus Hapoel – was watched this season by a mere 7,000.*

SPAIN by Keir Radnedge

# Drama follows drama —storming finale

**DRAMA piled upon drama as the Spanish season drew towards a storming close.**

First there was the players' strike; then Barcelona's collapse; then the political turmoil at Real Madrid.

To start with the one decisive note so far — Real Madrid, having sacked coach Vujadin Boskov after their UEFA Cup disaster away to Kaiserslautern followed by a potentially decisive league defeat against Las Palmas, rescued something from their season by winning the Cup.

A 2-1 victory over Gijon — runners-up last year as well — in the new Valladolid World Cup stadium was the result which maintained caretaker Luis Molowny's remarkable record of success in emergency.

An own goal from Jimenez put Madrid ahead and, though the Argentine striker Ferrero snatched an equaliser, Madrid were the better team and in the second half Juanito laid on the winner for midfielder Angel. Laurie Cunningham played one of his rare games and Carlos Santillana returned at centre forward after an injury-plagued three months. But it was the West German, Uli Stielike, sweeper, who was the outstanding player.

## Way out

Which makes it all the more worrying for Madrid fans that Stielike AND Juanito could be on the way out. Bayern Munich want to take Stielike home to West Germany and Madrid's directors — tired of the continuous stream of controversy surrounding the little winger — are considering swapping Juanito for the Valencia centre-back, Miguel Tendillo.

What ultimately happens depends on the political developments. President Luis De Carlos is being opposed at the elections to be held this summer. De Carlos, after what could prove a fatal delay in announcing his decision to stand again, has as his trump card the possibility of landing Cesar Menotti as coach next season.

Against that his main rival, former director Ramon Mendoza, wants to bring in Alfredo Di Stefano — a move which has vast appeal to all the members who want nothing more than a return to the glory days with which Di Stefano's name is indelibly associated.

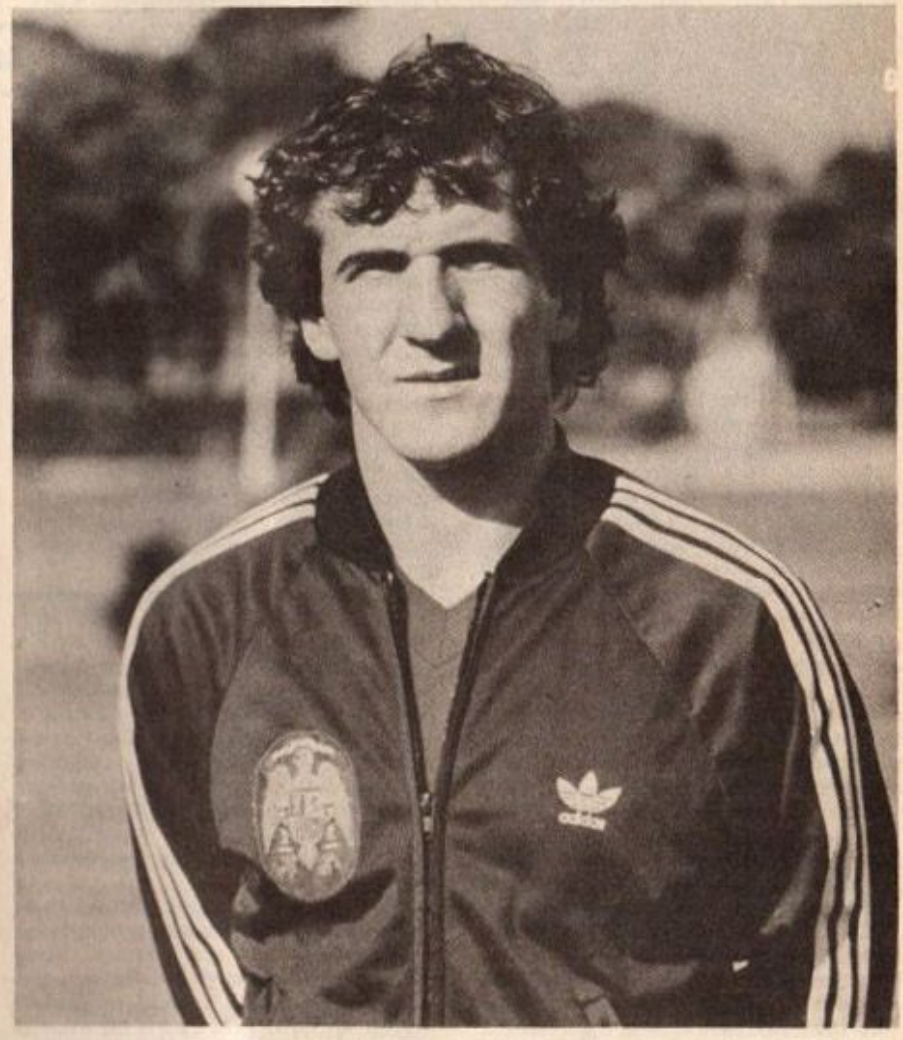
There are various other candidates, but the heavyweights are De Carlos and Mendoza. The latter, a controversial self-made millionaire who opened up Spain's import-export market with Russia, is hopeful that he could sign Oleg Blokhin — which would, of course, mean the end of Cunningham's disastrous term with Madrid.

## Spearhead

De Carlos believed that 'his' new name would be Argentine striker Ramon Diaz. But now it seems that the River Plate spearhead is bound for Napoli instead.

It makes a remarkable change to see Madrid, not Barcelona, being ravaged by political warfare. Barcelona, however, seem to have fallen apart on the field of play. A string of four successive league defeats wiped out their six-point lead at the top and a 3-1 defeat away to Madrid in the penultimate game left reigning champions Real Sociedad holding most of the trumps as the clubs entered the last games of the season.

What has gone wrong at Barcelona? Delayed reaction, it appears, after the departure of Bernd Schuster with his knee ligament injury. Certainly, as I write, they may still land their first championship in eight years but a greater likelihood is that, once more, they will succeed only in snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.



Jose Sanchez of Barcelona and Spain.

Just to further complicate matters, the AFE (players' union) called a strike three weeks before the end of the season. The targets were those clubs who have yet to fulfil their side of the agreement forged last autumn to come up with players' back pay.

It appears that this time the AFE misjudged the mood of their members, however. As press reaction was once again almost wholly hostile, many First Division players backed down while the clubs announced their intentions of using youth squad players to keep the league programme going.

In the end only three clubs in the First Division saw their players take strike action — ironically one such club was Real Madrid, who called up affiliated Second Division Castilla players to take over . . . and promptly recorded a 2-1 victory away to Castellon!

The AFE had little option but to call off the strike amid a welter of confusion about why the strike had been called, and why the players *thought* it had been called. Again, there seemed to be saboteurs at work.

But that sort of political sabotage was as nothing compared with growing fears about the possibilities of the Basque terrorists of ETA reneging on their pledge to leave the World Cup tournament in peace.

A bomb blast which ripped through Madrid's key telephone exchange was an unpleasant reminder of the dangers players, press and public could be running during the finals.

As the tournament moves ever nearer so there is ever-increasing unease over the political, terrorist and financial confusion abounding. All Spanish football dreams of a fiesta . . . the truth could prove nearer to a fiasco.

Real Sociedad retained the Spanish Championship with a 2-1 win over Bilbao on the last day of the season. Barcelona are second and Real Madrid third.

SOUTH AMERICA by Eric Weil

# ARGENTINA – A POOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**THE ARGENTINE national championship, which has almost reached the half-way stage of group play, is being played without 22 players preparing for the World Cup — nine of them from title holders River Plate — and some of the strongest clubs.**

The absence of World Cup squad players from their clubs for this tournament had been decided on long ago. The absence of some of the strongest teams came about as a result of this year's championship being played before the First Division (so that clubs will have their stars back for the latter) only just seven weeks after the 1981 tournament ended. Thus some non-league provincial clubs had to qualify for the 1982 tournament while still playing in the 1981 event. For some it was too much . . . as, for example, Loma Negra, Argentina's strongest non-league club run by a wealthy owner of a chain of cement factories and which is well up to first division standard.

## Weak clubs

This set-up also allowed in a number of weak clubs in their place who would otherwise not have qualified, such as Junin's Mariano Moreno who at press-time suffered the biggest defeat of the season, 8-2 to Talleres Cordoba for whom Morete, a former leading scorer with River Plate and in Spain netted four. Mariano Moreno are lucky to have former veteran international and River Plate winger Oscar Mas. He has scored all their five goals in six games so far.

Most clubs carried over tremendous debts from last season, also with their players. The not unexpected result was that over 400 players (in all four divisions) were given free transfers, 13 by River Plate, many of which were eagerly snapped up by other clubs such as J. Lopez, a leading midfielder, by Talleres Cordoba . . . but most others were not so lucky.

Another result was that 11 River Plate players refused to play Uruguay's Peñarol in a pre-season friendly and were suspended for 35 days by their club — including six from the World Cup team (as commented in last month's World Soccer) — and a few days before the season started first division champion Boca Juniors players, owed four months salaries and bonuses, also threatened strike action, but were finally convinced to play although their debts have not been settled to this day.

In this financial state there was virtually no transfer market with mostly players with free transfers changing clubs while the FA also refused to register transfers to clubs in debt (on previous transfers). Velez Sarsfield, one of only three first division clubs not in debt, was the only club to splash out on the transfer market, their major buys being former World Cup and River Plate midfielder Norberto Alonso for $350,000 and World Cup third choice goalkeeper Pumpido from Union for $600,000 (including four players in exchange).

After giving 13 players free transfers, having nine in the national squad and suspending six of them and five more, River Plate, who have always had the strongest squad, were left with a bunch of teenagers — average age 18 — to line up in the national championship. They have done remarkably well in six matches and nobody could expect more than a 1-3-2 record from them . . . even if the 5-1 home defeat by their traditional rivals Boca Juniors really hurt. Unfortunately coach Di Stefano, who talks of returning to Spain after this championship, has made them play the speculative, defensive game of their absent seniors which has stopped the youngsters from fully giving reign to their undoubted talents.

## Leaders

Section A has an unlikely trio of leaders in modest Sarmiento Junin, newly-promoted Quilmes and transfer-weakened Newell's Old Boys which leaves River Plate, three points behind, still with a chance of qualifying for the quarterfinals in the top two places, but nobody can take the chances of their retaining the championship seriously with this team.

Section B seems made for FC Oeste, second in both the first division and national championship last year, and Independiente and they are in the top two places with FC Oeste the only team with their six matches won — no stars, but sound team work and good tactics as last year.

Section C is topped by Boca Juniors who have found a good substitute for national team tied Maradona in Trobbiani, the former international they recuperated (but have not yet paid for) from Spanish soccer last year. They also have the championship top scorer in Gareca with eight goals — a tall centre-forward they have repeatedly tried to get rid of for some strange reason. Last year they loaned him to Sarmiento and early this year tried to sell him to Atletico Madrid. Now will they keep him?

## Three points

Challenging in second place, all three points behind, are strong Rosario Central, Talleres Cordoba who hope to get back to their former glory with ex-River Plate coach Labruna and several free transfer players from that club (J. Lopez, Gonzalez, Heredia, Artico), Mendoza's non-league Gimnasia y Esgrima and Estudiantes de La Plata now coached by their former player of Libertadores Cup days, Bilardo, and lining up midfielder Sabella returned from Leeds United.

Section D is topped by Racing Cordoba, a non-league team which as a result of pre-

**Boca goalkeeper Hugo Gatti in action against River Plate.**

**Boca Juniors national championship top scorer Gareca (left), the man they had earlier tried to get rid of, and Trobbiani, the midfielder given little chance last season, when Maradona was not national team tied, but now at his best and making fans forget about the absence of the international. (Trobbiani almost left on a free transfer at the start of the season.)**

vious good performances will qualify for this year's first division if they merely reach the national championship's quarterfinals . . . which they should do. Two points back are Velez Sarsfield who have not quite justified their big buying so far, especially Alonso, and Renato Cesarini, a small non-league club from Rosario with several first division veterans and the right ideas on and off the field. They share out gate takings (less expenses) among the players who dc not get paid a cent more.

## Miracle

The miracle is San Lorenzo, the first of the "big six" clubs ever to be relegated last season mostly due to their financial problems. In the second division, which they top, they are drawing enormous crowds far bigger than they ever did in the top division and in their last match before press time, they drew over 70,000 to the River Plate stadium (loaned for the occasion as they do not have a stadium at present) which was much more than that club's gate against classic rivals Boca Juniors and the biggest registered here since the 1978 World Cup final. Their gate takings are helping to pay off their debts and they are expected to return to the first division next year out of the red.

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**AFTER delaying the start of the Colombian professional championship by one week, the 14 clubs gave in to a government order to limit the number of foreign players per team to three.**

Clubs claimed that it would reduce the standard . . . and gates. The government, which owns all the stadiums and threatened to intervene Colombian soccer and organise it, stood firm.

After three matches, Caldas tops the "Opening tournament" as the only team with full points, while champions Nacional are a point behind and popular Bogota team, Millionarios, are bottom without any points.

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**WORLD club champions, Flamengo, playing a lot like Holland's total football of the 1974 World Cup, beat Sao Paulo FC, their strongest group rivals in the national championships, 4-3 at home after also beating them 3-2 away earlier.**

Sao Paulo, who had key international players Oscar (back) and striker Mario Sergio sent off in the earlier game anc then had them suspended later so that they missed the second, attacked more, but Flamengo, attacking less but with more danger from all sides, scored through their four leading strikers — Nunes, Lico, Tita and Zico — to win their group.

But they faced tough opposition in the four-team second round group against Atletico of Minas Gerais and Corintians of Sao Paulo, losing against the former and drawing 1-1 with the latter which left them a point behind Corintians at press time.

The 1-1 draw, at Sao Paulo, was watched by 92,000 fans and popular Corintians, whose fan following is said to be greater than that of Flamengo in spite of their many lean years, has now gone through 22 games without defeat and needed only one point to make sure of a place in the third stage of the tournament. Corintians lines up only one international — midfielder or forward Socrates.

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**TWO new clubs, Petroleros Zulia and Atletico San Cristobal, have entered the professional league in Venezuela which is presently playing the Copa Venezuela with the 12 clubs in three groups in the first stage.**

The two clubs from Falcon have dropped out after one poor season.

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**IN URUGUAY, the curious way of selecting two clubs to represent the country in the Libertadores Cup has once again not put in the strongest.**

The six clubs with the best records throughout the season play in a six-team play-off in which a temporary slump can put a club out. A small club, Defensor, won the league with Peñarol runners-up, but league vice-champs Nacional were left on the sidelines.

Roque Maspoli, 68 under whom Uruguay won the "Mundialito" at the beginning of last year and then failed to qualify for the World Cup finals, came out of retirement — he said he would not coach any more — to take charge of modest Huracan Buceo of the Uruguayan first division.

### PLAYERS IN THE NEWS

**Carlos Kiese,** Paraguayan international midfielder, transferred from Independiente (Argentina) on loan until December to Olimpia (Paraguay) for $30,000 with option to buy for $170,000.

**Juan Barbas,** Argentine international midfielder, transferred from Racing (Argentina) to Zaragoza (Spain), for $500,000, but will not move until after the World Cup as he is a member of the World Cup squad.

**Julio Cesar Uribe,** Peruvian international midfielder, from Sporting Cristal (Peru) to Juventus (Italy) for two million dollars, but will not move until after World Cup as he is in Peru's World Cup team. (This transfer was not completely confirmed at press time).

**Junior,** (Leovigildo Luis Gama Junior), Brazilian international defender, has signed a new $245,000 contract with his club, Flamengo, which makes him the second-highest paid player in Brazil behind teammate Zico. Part of this contract is being paid for by a clothes firm.

**COLOMBIA: Opening professional championship**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caldas | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Nacional Medellin | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Pereira | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| Indep. Medellin | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Deportivo Cali | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| America Cali | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| At. Junior Barranquilla | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Bucaramanga | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| Union Magdalena | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Tolima | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Quindio | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Cucuta | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Ind. Santa Fe (Bogotá) | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Millionarios Bogotá | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 |

**from Paul Gardner in NEW YORK**

# WORLD CUP AND CANADA

**FOUR years ago, during the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, the United States Soccer Federation delivered a letter to FIFA. The letter was a request that the United States be considered as a candidate for the staging of the 1990 World Cup.**

The request can be interpreted — according to how you view these things — as a measure of the growing strength of the game in the USA, or as a sign that American soccer administrators have lost touch with reality.

While there is no shortage of evidence to support the latter conclusion, I prefer to go with the notion that this is a good idea, and that the USA is capable of staging a World Cup in eight years time. Only, we may not have to wait that long for the opportunity.

The USSF's 1978 letter to FIFA also included a request that the USA be considered as a possible host country *before* 1990, should there be any change in FIFA's plans. The vague, delicate wording of this request should fool no one. The only possible change in FIFA's plans would be the one that everyone is expecting: that Colombia will be unable to stage the 1986 tournament.

For the moment, though, no one at FIFA can say that Colombia won't be able to do it. They remain the official 1986 organisers, and they can't be threatened with alternative candidates. The deadline will come after the 1982 tournament, when all the reports are in, setting out exactly what it costs and takes to organise a 24-team tournament.

If, at that time, Colombia decides (or is told) that it cannot handle the event, the USA will get a chance to state its case. No doubt, there will be others who want the tournament, and no doubt the strongest, most logical candidate will be Brazil. Does the USA stand a chance against that sort of opposition?

I think it does. Consider the things that are necessary for the successful staging of the tournament: advanced technological resources — communications and television; plentiful and well-organised air-travel; accommodations — hotels, and training sites; massive commercial involvement; sophisticated public relations and publicity services. There is no country in the world that can do better than the USA in any of those areas — and remember that all of these elements will have had plenty of practice during the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

So far, so good. The more astute readers will have become aware that I have left out of my list a couple of rather formidable items: stadiums, and fan interest. Yes, there are problems with the stadium situation. But they are by no means insoluble. There are large-sized stadiums with grass fields in Philadelphia and New Haven, for example. They would have to be renovated, as happens with every country that stages the World Cup.

There are other stadiums that are modern and large enough — but that have artificial turf. Again, that can be solved. I understand, for instance, that the authorities who run Giants Stadium, where the Cosmos play, have already agreed that if the World Cup comes here, they will remove the artificial turf, and put in grass for the tournament.

The stadium situation, then, will need a lot of work, but that is the sort of challenge that inspires Americans. I am sure it can be handled.

That leaves the matter of fan interest, which is linked to the success or otherwise of the US team. Can we, in four years, produce a national team that is capable of performing well — say, at least, of qualifying for the second round, something that no host team in the history of the World Cup has yet failed to do? I don't know.

There are, of course, short cuts. Such as the naturalising of star foreign players. Done in an obvious and cynical way, that would doubtless be counter-productive. But one has to face up to the fact that of the 20 names on the current national team roster, exactly half of them are foreign-born.

At the moment, the national team is without a coach, and the USSF has stated that an appointment will not be made until after the 1982 World Cup. I take this to mean "until after we know whether we're getting the 1986 finals." If the finals are awarded to the USA, then USSF will go looking for a top-drawer coach, with a most intriguing challenge to offer him.

For the rest, the physical getting-of-fans-into-the-stadiums will be a matter of publicity, of arousing the American public, of making them aware of the excitement they will be missing if they don't turn up. And of careful siting of the games, to take advantage of the various concentrations of ethnic fans in cities throughout the country.

From a purely domestic point of view, the staging of the World Cup could be the inspirational boost that the games sorely needs. The past year had not been kind to the sport.

The NASL is down to 14 clubs (from 24 only two years ago), while the national team — with the best opportunity it has yet had, given that the number of CONCACAF berths in the World Cup finals was upped to two — failed to qualify for Spain.

The national youth team *did* qualify for the finals in Australia, but then put on a performance of such pedestrian quality that only the wilfully blind could fail to see how far we have to go in terms of international competition.

The coming of the World Cup would concentrate attention on all these problems, would mean that something would have to be done, quickly and efficiently. Actually, these are not entirely domestic considerations, for there is a sense in which the success of soccer in the United States is important to the strength of the game worldwide.

*(If you want confirmation of that it is provided by the recent about-turn of the English Football League on the matter of loan-players to the NASL. Where, a couple of years back, the Football League imposed a blanket ban on such players, the parlous financial state of so many English clubs has forced them to think again, and to realise that this is a way of easing their player-wages bill.)*

The playing of the 1986 World Cup final in

**Johan Neeskens**

Giants Stadium, New Jersey, is not a totally preposterous idea. The United States is capable of putting on a 24-team final round. But I think matters would be more satisfactory if a suggestion made 10 years ago by Sir Stanley Rous were acted on: "The cost of organising a World Cup is so great that the time will come when two or three countries will combine to play hosts."

That was Sir Stanley speaking in the days of 16-team finals. Today, with 24 teams taking part, I would judge that the time he was forecasting has arrived. So why not a joint effort between the United States and Canada? It doesn't seem too important to me that you would then have two host teams as automatic qualifiers — after all, if you can suddenly add eight more teams to the finalists, why should one more host team be a problem?

Adding Canada would bring with it three solid soccer centres — Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, all cosmopolitan cities with excellent facilities.

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**SO the Cosmos have managed to disembarrass themselves of coach Hennes Weisweiler. What started off so resoundingly in 1980, with Cosmos Chairman Nesuhi Ertegun hailing "the great Weisweiler", turned sour last season as the Cosmos began to lose fans at an alarming rate.**

No doubt some of the loss was caused by a simple and inevitable slackening of the interest reached during the late 1970s, when palpably artificial heights of euphoria reigned. But most of the fans disenchantment can be directly blamed on Weisweiler, supported, obviously, by the Cosmos directors, and even by the enigmatic Giorgio Chinaglia.

It became a theme early in WW's reign that the Cosmos were to be a team "without stars". Chinaglia was the first person whom I

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heard spell it out: "No more big fees for name players." At the time, it made a certain amount of sense, because the Cosmos had a long history of turbulence and disaffection among the players and coaching staff — all of which you could, if you so wished, attribute to the presence of too many "prima donnas" on the team. Something which, in effect, stopped the team playing as a *team*.

Of course, the Cosmos still had plenty of names to play with — Carlos Alberto, Neeskens, Rijsbergen, Beckenbauer, Chinaglia himself, but presumably the new disciplinarian Weisweiler would mould them all into a splendidly functioning unit. Possibly he did — because they did, in 1980, win the championship. Yet half-way through that season, in July 1980, I found myself writing: "How can a team with all those names look so downright *dull*, even when it is winning?"

That was the problem. Weisweiler's style was a bore. At the beginning of 1981, no doubt in pursuit of the "no-stars" policy, he banished Carlos Alberto (for, ostensibly, going to the Rio carnival without permission) and Johan Neeskens (who had, as everyone knew, a drinking problem). Alas, these were two of the most popular Cosmos players.

The crowds began to grow smaller, boos were heard when WW was introduced at each game. An absurd public relations gimmick was put about as the 1981 season opened: that we were about to see the new, all-young, all-speedy, all-teamwork Cosmos in action. It was, not to put too fine a point on it, all-rubbish.

The team was *not* that young, for a start. Certainly it did charge about all over the field at full speed, but it accomplished very little in doing so. The much-vaunted teamwork may have been highly satisfying to the technically-minded, but it cut no ice at all with the fans. They continued to stay home.

Still Chinaglia talked of a team without stars, while at the same time Steve Ross, the head of Warner Brothers, said he wanted the Cosmos to be the best team in the world. It was pointed out to them by one surly journalist (actually, by me) that there never had been a "best team in the world" without stars.

The 1981 season went drearily on and on. The fans' boos got louder. In the official Cosmos game programme there appeared every week an extraordinary "Dear Fans" letter, written by Nesuhi Ertegun.

It said, in effect, that the fans did not really understand how good this team was, and all the clever things that Weisweiler was doing. It mattered not at all, because the fans, not being entirely stupid, could see with their own eyes, just what a drab, monotonous group the Cosmos had become. Soon after a stunningly boring 1-2 loss at home to the Jacksonville TeaMen, the Cosmos top brass belatedly took action. Neeskens was reinstated — and the writing was clearly on the wall for Weisweiler.

From then on, Weisweiler was merely going through the motions. He became increasingly aloof with the players — even with Francois van der Elst, a player whom he had brought to the Cosmos. Said van der Elst: "At first I got on very well with him, and we became very good friends. Then we started to lose games, we lost three in a row, and suddenly I was not even on the bench. Nobody gave me any explanation, Weisweiler didn't talk to me . . . he didn't even say 'Hello' to me any more!"

The Cosmos went on to the final — but there they lost, in a shoot-out to Chicago. Hennes Weisweiler had coached his last NASL game for the team. Giorgio Chinaglia at last spoke out, and said he would never play again under Weisweiler.

In a rare — indeed, unprecedented — show of unity, the Cosmos board severely criticised him, and said it was not for a player to decide who was to be the coach of the team. Something that caused many a raucous guffaw, for there was no doubt that Chinaglia had been directly responsible for the hiring and firing of two other Cosmos coaches, Gordon Bradley and Eddie Firmani.

Chinaglia, then, was publicly upbraided for the first time. But, perversely, he was right. Weisweiler had to go, for the good of the team, indeed for the good of the sport in the United States.

So he has gone, and it rather looks as though his replacement will be a rather different sort of person — the flamboyant and high-flying Malcolm Allison. If you accept that the Cosmos can have their pick of a number of top-class coaches from all over the world, the choice of Allison looks like one that has been made on non-technical matters.

The shadow of the dour Weisweiler still clouds the Cosmos future — a man who did absolutely nothing on the public relations front, who never attended dinners or banquets, or gave clinics, or did anything that would get the Cosmos the sort of coverage that a New York-based team must have in the media. To remove that shadow Cosmos need an English-speaking coach with a controversial personality. Who better than Big Mal?

**NASL Championship Games**

| | Champions | Runners Up |
|---|---|---|
| 1967 | Oakland Clippers (NPSL) | Baltimore Bays |
| 1967 | Los Angeles Wolves (USA) | Washington Whips |
| 1968 | Atlanta Chiefs | San Diego Toros |
| 1969 | Kansas City Spurs (league championship only) | |
| 1970 | Rochester Lancers | Washington Darts |
| 1971 | Dallas Tornado | Atlanta Chiefs |
| 1972 | New York Cosmos | St. Louis Stars |
| 1973 | Philadelphia Atoms | Dallas Tornado |
| 1974 | Los Angeles Aztecs | Miami Toros |
| 1975 | Tampa Bay Rowdies | Portland Timbers |
| 1976 | Toronto Metros-Croatia | Minnesota Kicks |
| 1977 | New York Cosmos | Seattle Sounders |
| 1978 | New York Cosmos | Tampa Bay Rowdies |
| 1979 | Vancouver Whitecaps | Tampa Bay Rowdies |
| 1980 | New York Cosmos | Fort Lauderdale Strikers |
| 1981 | Chicago Sting | New York Cosmos |

# NASL–down to 14 teams

**from Colin Jose**

*JUST 14 teams – the lowest for several years – will swing into action when the 1982 NASL schedule opens on April 3.*

*Gone are the Calgary Boomers, Atlanta Chiefs, California Surf, Washington Diplomats, Minnesota Kicks, Los Angeles Aztecs and the Dallas Tornado, and unlike previous years there are no new teams.*

*Coast to coast major league soccer first began in North America in 1967 when two professional leagues, the National Professional Soccer League and the United Soccer Association, were formed. The league merged before the start of the 1968 season to become the NASL.*

*Since that time the league has been fighting an uphill battle against established major league team sports such as baseball, American grid football, basketball and ice hockey, plus a sceptical and for the most part disinterested press.*

*The NASL has had its success and failures over its 14 years of operation (15 years if you count 1967) with the successes coming mostly in the wake of the signing of Pele by the New York Cosmos in 1975. However, when Pele retired at the end of the 1977 season some of the glamour went with him and even the signing of other top-class players such as Johan Cruyff failed to recapture the magic the great man from Brazil provided.*

*There was a time when after Christmas each year NASL clubs announced a spate of new signings mostly from Europe and from England and Yugoslavia in particular. But such has not been the case in recent years as money has become tight and an increasing emphasis has been placed on the development of the North American player.*

*This year in fact every team is required to have at least four North American citizens on the field at all times, up one from the 1981 season. With the league reduced to 14 teams this should mean that most teams will now have a staff of good Canadian and American players and it could result in a more competitive league.*

*Last year's Soccer Bowl finalists the Chicago Sting and the New York Cosmos are once again expected to be chasing the honours, although the Cosmos will be without the services of their West German coach Hennes Weisweiler who recently resigned. His place will temporarily be taken by Brazilian Julio Mazzei, who has coached the club on an interim basis before.*

*The Cosmos and the Sting will represent the NASL in this year's Trans-Atlantic Cup competition against Napoli of Italy and Nacional of Uruguay. Last year's competition was won by the Seattle Sounders.*

*Another coach who has fallen by the wayside in addition to Weisweiler is former Scottish international Jimmy Gabriel in San Jose. Gabriel's place will be taken by Peter Short, a one time Wolves player, who has toiled in North American soccer in various capacities for many years now.*

# Classified Results

## CHAMPIONS' CUP

**Quarter-finals — second legs (March 17)**

**Aston Villa 2** (Shaw 4, McNaught 41)
**Dynamo Kiev 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 38,579. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel)
***Villa 2-0 on aggregate***

**Villa:** Rimmer — Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

**Kiev:** Chanov — Boiko, Baltacha (Sorokolet), Zhuravlev, Demyanenko, Bal, Lozinsky, Yevtushenko, Khlus, Veremeyev (Khapsalis 38), Blokhin.

**Bayern Munich 1** (Hoeness 21)
**Un. Craiova 1** (Geolgau 32)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Tokat (Turkey)
***Bayern 3-1 on aggregate***

**Bayern:** Müller — Niedermayer, Beierlorzer, Augenthaler, Horsmann — Kraus, Breitner, Dünberger, Dremmler — Hoeness, Rummenigge (Mathy 21).

**Craiova:** Boldici — Negrila, Stefanescu, Ungureanu, Ticleanu — Denose, Balaci, Tilihoi — Geolgau (Caputu 87), Camataru (Irimescu 65), Cirtu.

**CSKA Sofia 2** (Mladenov 77, 101)
**Liverpool 0**
**HT:** 0-0. 90 min: 1-0. **Att:** 60,000. Ref: Wöhrer (Austria)
***CSKA 2-1 on aggregate (aet)***

**CSKA:** Velinov — Bezinski, D. Dimitrov, Tomanov, G. Dimitrov, Iliev, Yonchev, Mladenov, Djevizov, Markov, Zdravkov (N. Velkov).

**Liverpool:** Grobbelaar — Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, A. Kennedy — Whelan, Souness, McDermott (Johnston 90), Lee, Dalglish, Rush (Johnson on 85).

**Lawrenson sent off 115 for fouling Bezinski.*

**Red Star Belgrade 1** (Savic 44 pen)
**Anderlecht 2** (Hofkens 33, Vercauteren 59)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 89,806. **Ref:** Casarin (Italy)
***Anderlecht 4-2 on aggregate***

**Red Star:** Simeonovic — Krmpotic, Stojanovic, Milovanovic, Borovnica, Jurisic, Petrovic, Jankovic, Savic (Djordjic), Djurovski, Sestic.

**Anderlecht:** Munaron — De Greef, Broos, Peruzovic, De Groote, Hofkens (Petursson), Lozano, Coeck, Vercauteren, Geurts, Brylle (Cluytens).

## CUP-WINNERS' CUP

**Quarter-finals, second legs (March 17)**

**Barcelona 1** (Moran 15)
**Lokomotiv Leipzig 2** (Schöne 26, Bernschein 48)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (France)
***Barcelona 4-2 on aggregate***

**Barcelona:** Artola — Sanchez, Olmo, Manolo, Moratalia, Alesanco, Simonsen, Zuviria, Quini (Carrasco 55), Estella, Moran (Ramos 81).

**Lokomotiv:** Müller — Altmann, Baum, Dennstedt, Zözsche, Kreer, Moldt, Liebers, Schöne, Bornschein (Crossmann 85), Kuhn.

**Dynamo Tbilisi 1** (Shengelia 30)
**Legia Warsaw 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Courtney (England)
***Tbilisi 2-0 on aggregate***

**Tbilisi:** Gabeliya — Khizanishvili, Chivadze, Khinshagashvili, Mudzhiri, Daraselia, Kakilshvili (Svanadze), Sulakvelidze, Gutsayev, Kipiani, Shengelia.

**Legia:** Kazimirski — Topolski, Janas, Milewski, Majewski, Zalezny, Milaszewicz, Adamczyk, Kakietek, Ivaniecki (Shanyavski), Kusto.

**Eintracht Frankfurt 2** (Borchers 2, Cha 15)
**Tottenham 1** (Hoddle 80)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 44,000. **Ref:** Garrido (Portugal)
***Tottenham 3-2 on aggregate***

**Frankfurt:** Pahl — Sziedat, Neuberger, Pezzey, Lorant, Lottermann, Falkenmayer, Nickel, Nachtweih, Borchers, Bum-kun Cha.

**Tottenham:** Clemence — Hughton, Miller, Price, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles (Roberts 27), Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Falco (Villa 70).

**Porto 2** (Jacques 57, Walsh 70)
**Standard Liege 2** (Lecloux 44, Vandersmissen 69)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** McGinlay (Scotland)
***Standard 4-2 on aggregate***

**Porto:** Fonseca — Gabriel, Fernando, Freitas (Teixeirinha 12), Lima Pereira (Romeu 60), Jaime I., Souza, Costa, Jacques, Walsh, Jaime II.

**Standard:** Preud'homme — Gerets, Meeuws, Poul, Englebert — Vandersmissen, Plessers, Daerden, Haan — Tahamata, Lecloux (Sciasia 75).

## UEFA CUP

**Quarter-finals, second legs (March 17)**

**IFK Gothenburg 2** (Tommy Holmgren 4, Fredriksson 57 pen)
**Valencia 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 50,103. **Ref:** Agnolin (Italy)
***IFK 4-2 on aggregate***

**IFK:** Wernesson — Svensson (Schiller 25), Hysen, C. Karlsson, Fredriksson — Tord Holmgren, Stromberg, J. Karlsson, Tommy Holmgren — Nilsson, Corneliusson.

**Valencia:** Manzanedo — Ribes, Tendillo, Moreno, Botubot — Roberto, Castellanos, Subirats (Cesar 75) — Saura, Weizi (Pablo 60), Arnesen.

**Kaiserslautern 5** (Funkel 4, 17, Eilenfeldt 60, Bongartz 65, Geye 70)
**Real Madrid 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 34,500. **Ref:** Polatai (Hungary)
***Kaiserslautern 6-3 on aggregate***

**Kaiserslautern:** Hellstroem — Wolf, Brehme, Dusek — Briegel, Melzer, Geye, Eilenfeldt (Brummer 85) — Funkel (Eigendorf 72), Bongartz, Hofeditz.

**Madrid:** Agustin — San Jose, Cortes, Gallego, Sabido (Carcelen 70), Del Bosque, Pineda, Camacho, Cunningham, Stielike, Garcia Hernandez (Isidro 65).

**San Jose sent off 32 (foul tackle); Cunningham sent off 39 (retaliation); Pineda sent off 66 (foul tackle).*

**Neuchatel-Xamax 0**
**Hamburg 0**
**Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Jarguz (Poland)
***Hamburg 3-2 on aggregate***

**Neuchatel:** Engel — Hasler, Forestier, Trinchero, Bianchi — Kuffer, Andrey, Givens, Peret — Luethi, Sarazin.

**Hamburg:** Stein — Kaltz, Hieronymus, Jakobs, Wehmeyer — Groh, Hartwig, Memering, Von Heesen — Hrubesch, Bastrup.

**Radnicki Nis 3** (Panayotovic 53, 73, Djordjevic 85 pen)
**Dundee Utd 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Dochev (Bulgaria)
***Radnicki 3-2 on aggregate***

**Radnicki:** Milenkovic — Gavrilovic, Obradovic, Djordjevic, Vojinovic, Drizic, Stejekovic (Radosavljevic II), Bojovic, Radosavljevic I (Panayotovic), Nikolic, Beganovic.

**Dundee Utd:** McAlpine — Holt, Stark, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon (Milne), Phillip, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.

## EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

**Wednesday, March 3**

**Sao Paulo (Morumbi)**
**Brazil 1** (Zico 48)
**Czechoslovakia 1** (Berger 89)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 107,000
*(Record Brazil receipts = £300,000)*

**Brazil:** Valdir Peres — Perivaldo, Oscar, Luizinho, Junior — Toninho Cerezo (Renato 18), Socrates, Zico — Jairzinho (Paulo Isidoro 11), Roberto, Mario Sergio (Eder).

**Czechoslovakia:** Seman — Jakubec, Jurkemik, Fiala, Kukucka — Kozak, Berger, Stambachr — Vizek Janecki (Radimec), Nehoda.

World Cup favourites Brazil had a tough time and it didn't take the crowd long to see through the sentimental selection of 1970 veteran Jairzinho, now 38. The idea of Tele Santana, Brazil's manager, was to honour Jairzinho with 10 minutes in the national team as a farewell. The crowd liked that, but once Jairzinho had gone they had nothing to cheer. For most of the time Zico and Socrates were off target with their shooting before Zico marked his 29th birthday with the opening goal just before half-time. Still Brazil had problems with the Czechs, even though the visitors had left a couple of their more experienced internationals at home. Rain during the second half was no help and a further complication was the carrying off on a stretcher of Antonio Toninho Cerezo, with ankle tendon damage. With qquarter-of-an-hour remaining the fans began to jeer Brazil and cheer the Czechs, who responded with Jan Berger's equaliser in the final minute of the game. Goalkeeper Valkir Peres was caught out of position.

**Tuesday, March 9**

**Mar del Plata**
**Argentina 0**
**Czechoslovakia 0**
**Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Loustau (Argentina).

**Argentina:** Baley — Olguin, Van Tuyne, Trossero, Tarantini — Barbas, Bulleri, Maradona — Calderon, Hernandez, Valencia (Chaparro 66).

**Czechoslovakia:** Stromsik — Barmos (Kukucka 46), Fiala, Radimec, Rada — Kozak, Sreiner, Pelc — Janecka (Vizek 68), Jarolim, Nehoda.

A good game, but no goals. Argentina had a strange look without the suspended five River Plate stars Fillol, Passarella, Kempes, Gallego and Diaz. The makeshift attack struggled and it was the Czechs who came nearest to scoring in the first half when Jan Kozak headed against the bar. Diego Maradona was Argentina's best forward, though he was well marked and his team didn't show much bite in attack until after the introduction of Chaparro midway through the second half. Five minutes from time there was trouble when Czech defender Zdenek Sreiner was sent off by the Argentine referee for a foul and, for a while, refused to go.

**Wednesday, March 10**

**Athens**
**Greece 0**
**Russia 2** (Cherenkov 39, Buryak 50)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Machenez (Switzerland)

**Greece:** Sarganis (Constantinou) — Berios (Tarassis), Vamkoulias (Mihos), Galitsis, Dontas (Halkidis) — Livanthinos, Kouis, Kodas — Anastopoulos, Kostikos (Persias), Valaoras.

**Russia:** Dassayev (Chanov) — Sulakveldize, Chivadze, Denyanenko, Baltacha, Oganessian, Cherenkov, Buryak, Gutsayev (Gavrilov), Shengelia, Blokhin.

Russia continued their trouble-free World Cup preparations with a straightforward victory in a game turned into near-farce proportions because of the number of substitutes used by the Greeks.

**Balzers**
**Liechtenstein 0**
**Switzerland 1** (Brigger 7)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Baumann (Switzerland)

**Liechtenstein:** Horst Marxer — Bürzle, Meyer, Walter Büchel, Modestus Haas — Manfred Büchel, Erich Büchel, Moser — Heimo Haas, Donath Marxer, Frick.

**Switzerland:** Berbig — Baur, Lüdi (Nigsch 80), Egli, Heinz Hermann — Wehrli (Koller 66), Scheiwiler (Schällibaum 46), Bregy — Elsener (Zwicker 46), Sulser, Brigger.

The minnows of Liechtenstein played their first international against senior opposition, though this was their sixth full game. Because of club calls the Swiss relied mainly on a Grasshoppers/Zurich FC mixture and didn't have matters all their own way. The only goal came after a Schweiler shot had been blocked following Elsener's corner.

**Sunday, March 21**

**Rio de Janeiro (Maracana)**
**Brazil 1** (Junior 82)
**West Germany 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 150,290. **Ref:** Lamo Castillo (Spain)*

**West Germany objected to the original choice, Garrido of Portugal, because he speaks the same language as the Brazilians.*

**Brazil:** Valdir Peres — Leandro, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior — Vitor, Zico, Adilio — Paulo Isidoro, Careca, Mario Sergio (Eder 70).

**West Germany:** Schumacher — Kaltz, Stielike, K-H. Förster, Briegel — Matthäus, Breitner, Dremmler, H. Müller (Engels 82) — Fischer (Hrubesch 13), Littbarski (Mill 85).

Both teams missed key players. Former three times world champions Brazil were without the injured Toninho, Cerezo and Socrates and thus included five members of world club champions Flamengo. In attack manager Tele Santana tried another centre-forward, Careca of Guarani. This followed the injury to Reinaldo — whose politics also concerned Santana — and Roberto Dynamite's previous poor display against Czechoslovakia. West Germany were without Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, injured playing for Bayern Munich in the European Cup against Craiova. In his place manager Jupp Derwall chose Borussia Mönchengladbach's Lothar Matthäus — on his 21st birthday. Both teams played cautiously in the first half. Brazil looked sharper in attack however, and Harald Schumacher made a fine save from Careca. At the other end Hans-Peter Briegel got through, but fired wide. In the second half Brazil moved up a gear and were rewarded eventually with the game's only goal, in the 82nd minute. Junior cut in from the left, played a one-two with Adilio and whipped the return past Schumacher. In the last minute the Germans nearly equalised: Förster turned on a corner from skipper Manni Kaltz, and Valdir Peres made a fine stop.

**Tuesday, March 23**

**Hampden Park**
**Scotland 2** (F. Gray 12 pen, Dalglish 20)
**Holland 1** (Kieft 30)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 71,848. **Ref:** Courtney (England)

**Scotland:** Rough — McGrain, F. Gray, Narey, Evans, Miller, Dalglish (Brazil 46), Archibald (T. Burns 46), Jordan (Strachan 62), Bett, Wark.

**Holland:** Van Breukelen — Spelbos, Krol, Van der Korput, Metgod, Hovankamp, Rijkaard, Peters, Kieft, A. Muhren, Tahamata.

Scotland missed the injured Hansen, Robertson and Hartford and gave first caps to Aston Villa's Allan Evans and Rangers' Jim Bett. Frank Gray gave their World Cup-delirious fans something to cheer with a 12th-minute penalty after hands by Ronnie Spelbos; Kenny Dalglish made it 2-0 after taking a pass from Joe Jordan around veteran Rudi Krol. Holland pulled one goal back when the promising Kieft outjumped Evans to head home a Rijkaard cross.

**Wednesday, March 24**

**Buenos Aires** (River Plate)
**Argentina 1** (Calderon 67)
**West Germany 1** (Dremmler 33)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 75,000. **Ref:** Martinez Bazan (Uruguay).

**Argentina:** Baley — Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Barbas, Gallego, Maradona — Calderon, Diaz, Kempes (Hernandez 78).

**West Germany:** Schumacher — Kaltz, K-H. Förster, Stielike, Briegel — Dremmler, Breitner (B. Förster 67), Matthäus, H. Müller — Littbarski (Mill 67), Hrubesch (Engels 78).

A poor game which satisfied — apparently — only managers Cesar Menotti and Jupp Derwall, with a diplomatic result after this meeting of World and European champions. Argentina were without goalkeepr Ubaldo Fillol, ruled out by food poisoning after earlier fears of hepatitis proved unfounded (on the morning of the game the entire squad underwent special health checks to see if anyone else had contracted the illness). Argentina also suffered because Diego Maradona was played out of the game by young Lothar Matthäus, performing as successfully in Buenos Aires as he had against Zico in Rio. Argentina began well but faded badly towards the end of the first half, particularly when Wolfgang Dremmler gave West Germany the lead. The goal followed a corner: Horst Hrubesch headed on and Dremmler shot in — the ball being deflected wide of goalkeeper 'Chocolate' Baley by Juan Barbas. Argentina equalised in the 67th minute. Ramon Diaz found Maradona inside the penalty box and he, in turn, created the decisive opening for Calderon to beat Schumacher.

**Brussels**
**Belgium 4** (Verheyen 12, 44, Czerniatynski 58 and 76)
**Rumania 1** (Ticleanu 52)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 7,330. **Ref:** Lambert (France).

**Belgium:** Pfaff — Gerets (M. Millecamps 47), L. Millecamps, Vandereycken, Baecke — Van Moer, Verheyen, Coeck, Vercauteren — Vandenbergh (Geurts 76), Czerniatynski.

**Rumania:** Moraru — Rednic, Stefanescu, Stanescu (Mihai 66), Iorgulescu (Boloni 66) — Augustin, Gabor, Klein, Turcu, Ticleanu, Balaci.

Belgium celebrated their placing among the World Cup dark horses by Pele, with a comfortable and successful start to their warm-up programme. A Gerets-Van Moer-Czerniatynski move laid on the first goal for the recalled Rene Verheyen, and he grabbed the second, just on half-time, after a Rumanian defender could only help on a through pass from Wilfrid Van Moer. The veteran schemer was in fine form but Rumania struggled back into the game and pulled a goal back through midfielder Aurel Ticlaenu. That was enough to sting the Belgians back into attacking action, and Czerniatynski snapped up two goals to assure his team of victory.

**Budapest**
**Hungary 2** (Varadi 54, Nyilasi 78)
**Austria 3** (Krankl 31, Schachner 49, Hattenberger 52)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Sostaric (Yugoslavia)

**Hungary:** Meszaros — Martos, Balint, Rab, J. Toth — Szallai, Nyilasi, Muller (Bodonyi 54) — Fazekas (Pozik 54), Torocsik (Kiss 62), Poloskei (Varadi 52).

**Austria:** Koncilia — Dihanich, Obermayer, Pezzey, Degeorgi — Prohaska (Gasselich 46, Pichler 85), Hattenberger, Jara, Hintermaier — Schachner, Krankl (Hagmayr 89).

Hans Krankl answered his critics with a fine display as Austria won the 125th derby against Hungary — the oldest continental rivalry in world football. Krankl headed Austria in front after 31 minutes and Walter Schachner, now with Italian club Cesena, grabbed a second to celebrate the arrival the previous day of a baby son. Leading 3-0 soon after the interval, Austria relaxed in the second half and nearly paid a costly penalty in their first match under Georg Schmidt. But despite goals from Tibor Nyilasi and the recalled Bela Varadi, the Hungarians disappointed. As manager Kalman Meszöly said: "We still have a lot to work on . . ."

**Paris**
**France 4** (Zenier 31, Couriol 44, Larios 57 pen, Genghini 86)
**Northern Ireland 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Verhaege (Belgium)

**France:** Castaneda — Amoros, Lopez (Battiston 68), Tresor, Bossis — Larios, Giresse (Girard 76), Genghini — Couriol (Soler 75), Bellone, Zenier.

**Northern Ireland:** Platt — J. Nicholl, J. O'Neill, C. Nicholl, Donaghy — McCreery (Caskey 64), M. O'Neill, McIlroy (Spence 64) — Brotherston, Armstrong, Cochrane (Stewart 38).

After a scary first 15 minutes in which the Irish enthusiastically ran rings round the French fullbacks, the hosts pulled themselves together and made their superior skill tell despite the absences, through injury, of both Michel Platini and Dominique Rocheteau. Nancy's recalled winger Bernard Zenier opened the scoring with a far-post header after a fine run by Giresse, and just on half-time Platt couldn't hold a Zenier cross-shot and Couriol followed up to score. In the second half the French had no problems. Jean-Francois Larios celebrated his recall by converting a penalty after Platt brought down Bellone following a midfield blunder by Noel Brotherston. To wrap it all up, Genghini snapped in a low volley after a run and short cross from substitute Soler.

**Prague**
**Czechoslovakia 2** (Radimec 50, Jarolim 86)
**Greece 1** (Kouis 43)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Fahnler (Austria)

**Czechoslovakia:** Seman — Jakubec, Fiala, Jurkemik, Barmos (Kukucka 46) — Jarolim, Berger, Kriz — Valek (Janecka 46), Nehoda, Masny (Radimec 46).

**Greece:** Sarganis — Berios, Karulias (Tarasis 46), Dontas, Galitsios — Kouis, Charalambidis (Kostikos 58), Michos (Papavasiliu 58), Livanthinos — Anastopoulos, Mavros.

Losing 1-0 at half-time, the Czechs made hard work of a game they should have won comfortably. Kostas Kouis, the Greeks' only full-time forward, scored the opening goal, but half-time substitute Libor Radimec equalised only five minutes after entering the game. By the time Jarolim rattled in the winner, the Czechs just about deserved it, but they clearly felt the absences of the likes of Vizek, Panenka and Kozak.

**Lugano**
**Switzerland 2** (Zappa 43, Egli 60)
**Portugal 1** (Nene 34)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 13,800. **Ref:** Tritschler (West Germany)

**Switzerland:** Burgener — Luedi, Zappa, Egli, Herbert Hermann — Botteron (Luethi 61), Barberis, Faure, Heinz Hermann — Elia (Elsener 79), Sulser.

**Portugal:** Bento — Eurico, Humbergo Coelho, Cardoso, Carlos Manuel (Diamantino 46) — Eliseu (Dito 59), Abreu, Palhares — Nene, Norton, De Matos (Manuel Fernandes 58).

Switzerland found the first anniversary of manager Paul Wolfisberg's arrival marked by the sort of game no one could enjoy. They were fortunate to win, a fact underlined by the fact that both goals came from defenders. Portugal had gone ahead in the 34th minute, when Nene hit hom a sharp chance following a Palhares free kick, which had bobbled off the heads of Egli and Norton. But Switzerland equalised just before the interval. Botteron crossed for Barberis to lay on a shooting chance for Claudio Sulser. His first effort was blocked, but Zappa smacked home the rebound and the goal stood, despite protests from the Portuguese that he was offside. Egli also had a role in the winner. Luthi missed Heinz Hermann's cross, but Egli was following up behind him to put the chance away.

**Valencia**
**Spain 1** (Satrustegui 25)
**Wales 1** (James 52)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Barbaresco (Italy)

**Spain:** Arconada — Camacho, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo — Sanchez, Estella, Gallego — Saura, Satrustegui, Lopez Ufarte.

**Wales:** Davies — Marustik, Jones, Price, Ratcliffe, James, Thomas (Harris 81), Nicholas, Stevenson, Stevenson, Curtis, Walsh (Giles 62).

Wales provided a first cap for Swansea defender Chris Marustik, but there was little else to remember the game for. It was of poor quality, with little good football and a great deal of bad temper. The Welsh players came home warning anyone prepared to listen that the Spaniards were determined to succeed in the World Cup, but that their methods left a lot to be desired. Spain were without the injured midfield general Zamora again, as well as Victor; Alonso and Quini. But that couldn't excuse their temper — just as there was no excuse either for the Wales trainer, Doug Livermore, who was sent off from the bench for racing on to the field in protest after a bad foul on Thomas by Sanchez.

**EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP.**—*Quarter-finals, first leg: March 17 (Warsaw):* Poland 1 (Buda), England 2 (Goddard, Hodgson). *March 9* (Le Havre): France 0, Russia 0. *Second legs – March 23* (Aberdeen): Scotland 0, Italy 0 (Massaro and Bergomi both sent off — Scotland 1-0 on aggregate). *March 24* (Erevan): Russia 4 (Kakilashvili 36, Oganessian 50 pen, 61, Gourinovich 84), France 2 (Zanon 48 pen, 67) — (Russia 4-2 on aggregate).

**OTHER INTERNATIONALS.**—*March 2* (Linz): Linz ASK-VOEST XI 1. Austria 2 (Krankl, Keglevits). *March 3* (Kuwait): Kuwait 0, Sparta Prague 0. *March 5* (Kuwait): Kuwait 0, Sparta Prague 1 (Foyer 24). *March 8* (Kuwait): Kuwait 0, Go-Ahead Eagles 0. *March 16* (Lima): Peru 2 (La Rosa 22, Uribe 70), Borussia Dortmund 0. *March 17* (Budapest): Hungary 8 (Nyilasi 3 etc), Antwerp 2.

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*March 19* (Tegucigalpa): Honduras 4 (Witti, Maradiaga 33 pen, Figueroa 50, Betancourt 74), Borussia Dortmund 1 (Hubert 12). *March 22* (Villingen/Schwenningen): Switzerland U21 1 (Koller 69), West Germany U21 1 (Mathy). *March 23* (Wrexham): Wales U21 2 (Davies, Rutten own goal), Holland U21 2 (Koolof 2). — (Bilbao): Athletic Bilbao 1 (Sarabia 70), England 1 (Keegan 38).

**MISCELLANEOUS . . .** England's line-up v Bilbao (March 23): Corrigan — Mills, Thompson, Foster, Sansom — Coppell, Robson, Brooking — Keegan, Regis (Withe 46), Morley.

CAMEROON line-ups in African Nations' finals:

*March 6* — 1-1 v Tunisia (Mbida). In Tripoli. Team: N'Kono — Ndjeya, Aoudou, Doumbe-Lea, Mbom — Abega, Kunde, Mbida — Ebongue, Nguea, Milla.

ALGERIA line-up in African Nations' finals:

*March 17* — 2-3 v Ghana, (aet) in semi-finals in Benghazi (goals: Zidane, Assad). Team: Cerbach — Cerbach — Larbes, Horr, Marzekane, Kourichi, Fergaini, Belloumi, Bencheikh, Madjer, Zidane, Assad.

**NEHRU CUP FINAL** (Calcutta): Uryguay 2, China 0 (March 4).

This was the first major football tournament staged in India, a 'warm-up' for the Asian Games in New Delhi in November /December. Six teams participated — Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Italy, China, South Korea and hosts India. The Koreans, Chinese and India fielded their full national teams, while Italy and Yugoslavia sent only makeshift amateur teams. Uruguay sent a professional team which included Ramoas, Rodriguez, Barrios, Agresta, Russo and Gonzalez. Uruguay (8 points) and China (7) finished top of the round robin section and met in the final. Jorge Da Silva headed in a Ramoas cross in the 23rd minute for Amaro Nadal converted a Ramos pass in the 84th for the goals. Uruguay won £3,000; China £1,500. More than one million fans watched the 16-day tournament.

## CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

### March 3

**Brazil (0) 1** (Zico)
**Czechoslovakia (0) 1** (Berger)
**Att:** 107,000

**Brazil:** Waldir Peres, Perivaldo, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Socrates, Cerezo (Renato), Zico, Jairzinho (Paul Isidoro), Roberto, Mario Sergio (Eder).
**Czechoslovakia:** Seman, Jakubek, Jurkevic, Fiala, Kukucka, Kozak, Berger, Janecka (Radimek), Stanbacher, Vizek, Nehoda.

### March 9

**Argentina 0**
**Czechoslovakia 0**
**Att:** 32,000

**Argentina:** Baley, Olguin, Van Tuyne, Trossero, Tarantini, Barbas, Bulleri, Maradona, Calderón, Hernandez, Valencia (Chaparro).

**Czechoslovakia:** Stromsick, Barnos (Kukucka), Fiala, Radimeck, Rada, Kozak, Sreiner, Pelc, Janecka (Vizek), Jarolim, Nehoda. (Sreiner sent off 89).

### March 21

**Brazil (0) 1** (Junior)
**West Germany 0**

### March 24

**Argentina (0) 1** (Calderon)
**West Germany (1) 1** (Dremmler)

## LIBERTADORES CUP

### Group 4 — March 7

**Barcelona (Ecuador (2) 4** (Paulo Cesar 2, Oliveira 2)
**Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Ecuador) (0) 1** (Armendariz)
**Att:** 40,000

### March 15

**Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Ecuador) 4**
**Barcelona (Ecuador) 2**
**Att:** 45,000

### Group 5 — March 13

**Melgar FC (Peru) (1) 2** (Neyra 2)
**Deportivo Municipal (Peru) (1) 1** (Zorilla)

**Melgar:** Campana, Jorge Ramirez, Obando, Bustamante (Quijandria), A. Gutierrez, Zuloaga (Guillen), J. Ramirez, Aguayo, G. Neyra, E. Neyra, V. Gutierrez.

**Dep. Municipal:** Gamarra, Maldonado, Campos, Quijaite, Quintana, Bonelli, Drago, Sato, Zorilla, Navarro, Malasquez (Camach).

### March 14

**Olimpia (Paraguqy) (0) 1** (Michelangeli)
**Sol De America (Paraguay) (1) 1** (Villalba)

## MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS

*February 17* — Peñarol (Uruguay) 1 (4 penalties) Internacional Porto Alegre (Brazil 1 (2). *February 18* — Olimpia (Paraguay) 2 Racing (Argentina) 1. *February 19* — Vasco da Gama (Brazil) 2 (6 penalties) Defensor (Uruguay) 2 (5). *February 21* — Vasco da Gama (Brazil) 1 Peñarol (Uruguay) 0. *February 24* — Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0 Peñarol (Uruguay) 1. *March 7* — Colo Colo (Chile) 4 Olimpia (Paraguay) 2. *March 18* — Nacional (Uruguay) 2 Huracan (Argentina) 0.

## OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONALS

*February 14* — El Salvador select 0 Sport Boys (Peru) 0. *March 10* — Peru select 1 Racing (Argentina) 0. *March 18* — San Lorenzo (Argentina) 2 El Salvador select 0.

### VENEZUELA: Copa Venezuela

| Metropolitan group | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Italia | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Galicia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Valencia | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Portugues | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| **West group** | | | | | | | |
| Univ. de los Andes (Merida) | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Tachira | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Estudiantes de Merida | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| San Cristobal | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| **Central-West group** | | | | | | | |
| Zamora | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Portuguesa | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Zulia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Lara | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 |

### MEXICO: First Division

| Group 1 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| America | 28 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 41 | 22 | 35 |
| Puebla | 28 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 42 | 32 |
| Univ. Autonoma Mexico | 28 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 44 | 36 | 30 |
| Univ. de Leon | 28 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 37 | 31 | 30 |
| Atlas | 28 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 25 | 46 | 19 |
| **Group 2** | | | | | | | |
| Univ. de Guadalajara | 28 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 37 | 27 | 31 |
| Neza | 28 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 40 | 33 | 31 |
| Cruz Azul | 28 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 38 | 32 | 30 |
| Potosino | 28 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 38 | 32 | 30 |
| Leon | 28 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 27 | 49 | 18 |
| **Group 3** | | | | | | | |
| Atletico Español | 28 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 30 | 21 | 33 |
| Morelia | 28 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 37 | 40 | 24 |
| Guadalajara | 28 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 28 | 40 | 22 |
| Tampico | 28 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 32 | 41 | 21 |
| **Group 4** | | | | | | | |
| Atlante | 28 | 16 | 9 | 3 | 48 | 23 | 41 |
| Campesinos | 28 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 33 | 29 | 32 |
| Toluca | 28 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 42 | 41 | 29 |
| Monterrey | 28 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 36 | 45 | 28 |
| Univ. Auto. Guadalajara | 28 | 7 | 13 | 8 | 31 | 37 | 27 |

Top two of each group enter quarter-finals after 36 games.

## SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN LEAGUE TABLES

### ARGENTINA: National Championship

| Section A | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sarmiento Junin | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| Newell's Old Boys | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| Quilmes | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| Indep. Rivadavia Mendoza | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 7 |
| Instituto Córdoba | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| River Plate | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 5 |
| Gimnasia (Jujuy) | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Nueva Chicago | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 2 |
| **Section B** | | | | | | | |
| FC Oeste | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 12 |
| Independiente | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 9 |
| Union Sta Fe | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 7 |
| San Lorenzo (Mar del Plata) | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 5 |
| Argentinos Juniors | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 5 |
| Unión San Vicente (Córdoba) | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 5 |
| At. Concepción Tucuman | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 4 |
| Estu. Santiago d. Estero | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 1 |
| **Section C** | | | | | | | |
| Boca Juniors | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 5 | 10 |
| Rosario Central | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 7 |
| Talleres Córdoba | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 7 |
| Gimnasia Mendoza | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| Estudiantes de La Plata | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| Huracán | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Central Norte Salta | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 5 |
| Mariano Moreno Junin | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 23 | 0 |
| **Section D** | | | | | | | |
| Racing Córdoba | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 9 |
| Renato Cesarini (Rosario) | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| Velez Sarsfield | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Deportivo Roca (Rio Negro) | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| Platense | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| San Martin Tucuman | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| Racing (Avellaneda) | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 5 |
| Guarani AP Posadas | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 |

(Top two of each group qualify for quarter-finals after 16 matches)

**BRAZIL — National Championship: Second Round**

*Group J:* Vasco da Gama (Rio) and Operario 4 points, America Rio and Internacional (SM) 2. *Group K:* Guarani 6, Nautico 3, Gremio P. Alegre 2, Maringa 1. *Group L:* Corintians Sao Paulo 5, Flamengo Rio 4, Internacional P. Alegre 2, Atletico Minas Gerais 1. *Group M:* Esporte 4, 15 de Jau and Paissandu 3, Bahia 2. *Group N:* Bangu Rio and Santos 4, Sao Paulo (Rio Grande) 2, Internacional (Sao Paulo) 0. *Group O:* Sao Jose and Londrina 4, Botafogo Rio 3, Treze 1. *Group P:* Sao Paulo FC 6, Ponte Preta 3, Ceara 2, Atletico PR 1. *Group Q:* Anapolina 4, Fluminense Rio 3, Cruzeiro Belo Horizonte 3, Moto Clube 2.

### BELGIUM

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Standard | 31 | 16 | 10 | 5 | 54 | 27 | 42 |
| Antwerp | 31 | 16 | 8 | 7 | 43 | 21 | 40 |
| La Gantoise | 31 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 35 | 19 | 40 |
| Anderlecht | 31 | 16 | 7 | 8 | 49 | 35 | 39 |
| Lokeren | 31 | 14 | 10 | 7 | 51 | 30 | 38 |
| Beveren | 31 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 40 | 27 | 36 |
| Kortrijk | 31 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 38 | 32 | 35 |
| Lierse | 31 | 13 | 7 | 11 | 43 | 46 | 3 |
| Waregem | 31 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 29 | 30 | 29 |
| Waterschei | 31 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 38 | 48 | 28 |
| Molenbeek | 31 | 11 | 5 | 15 | 38 | 41 | 27 |
| Tongeren | 31 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 38 | 50 | 27 |
| Winterslag | 31 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 23 | 42 | 27 |
| CS Brügge | 31 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 52 | 5 | 26 |
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**by Leslie Vernon**

# Changes required —the product is getting poorer

**BRISTOL CITY, Halifax, Hull, Derby — the financial crisis of English football continues to worsen day after day, week after week.**

Clubs in the lower reaches of the League are facing bankruptcy, and several of their bigger brothers in the First and Second Divisions are not much better off. Drastic situations call for drastic remedies, and there were two get-togethers recently to discuss the situation.

The grandly named Football League Executive Staff Association is a gathering made up of League managers and secretaries, and they have come to the conclusion that the introduction of summer soccer is the answer to lure back the missing millions on the terraces.

They want the season to run from March to November, and possibly an indoor five-a-side League to support it during the winter.

This is not a new idea, and as we know, there is summer football in Scandiravia and in the Soviet Union. The difficulty is to fit-in the programme of the national team into the calendar, especially in World Cup and European Championship years.

What would happen this year, for instance, if there was a summer season in England? Would there be a six-weeks break while the national teams are away in Spain, or would the clubs be satisfied to play reserves in place of the internationals?

These are very important questions, and I am surprised that the managers didn't consider them serious enough to vote against the proposition.

Also, there is the question of keeping the pitches fit for football during the summer months. They need rest and time for regeneration — a process which cannot take place in the winter.

Artificial pitches might help, but the overall expenditure throughout the League would be enormous, and it is a different game on Omniturf, as my frequent visits to QPR have convinced me.

I guess summer soccer will remain a pipe-dream for some time yet.

## Attractive

In the meantime, we have to find ways and means of making the game attractive enough to be irresistible on a rainy afternoon in Doncaster.

'How to achieve this objective?' was the main consideration of the Chairmen's meeting at Solihull a few days after the managers and secretaries sounded-off in favour of summer soccer (votes 113-44 in favour!).

The Chairmen first decided to spend five million pounds in advertising football, because the "free-copy" from Fleet Street was rather negative. This is an interesting point and worth further consideration.

In my view, the Press could be kinder to football, but generally speaking, the reporting is fair. There is a great deal of boring football played in the League, hooliganism is as rampant as it has ever been, the players are over-rated and overpaid.

Jimmy Hill himself admits that "the product" is not as appetising as it should be, yet he expects rave reviews from the Press.

Fleet Street creates personalities, celebrates good football with superlatives, and sells the game by its vast coverage of it. On the other hand, there is a fair amount of "knocking" as well, "revelations" by ex-players about the misdeeds of managers, interviews with ticket touts, criticism about the general standard etc.

Five million pounds is a great deal of money, I hope the League spends its wisely and that there will be an upsurge of interest, consequently, bigger gate-figures to warrant the expenditure.

The Chairmen also recommended a ban on foreign players for two years. With so many native-born professionals out of a job, this is understandable, although the two-foreigners-per-club limitation has been a barrier to foreign imports. Our football would be even less attractive with the presence of the Argentinians and the many above-average Yugoslav players.

Keeping the foreigners out will not make a great deal of difference to the employment situation.

Other recommendations: 'The gentleman's agreement not to poach another club's manager to be strengthened but confined to fixed term contracts.

'Half of all transfer fees to be paid immediately with the other 50 per cent spread over six, nine or 12 months.'

I have previously written in this column about the insane state of the transfer market, and this was exactly the measure that I was advocating. If it is implemented, it will end the "one million" transfer deals, and sanity must prevail, because the clubs simply haven't got the money to splash out a fortune on players.

"Never-never" deals used to be very tempting, because management gambled with the possibility that the new signing might inspire success in one of the Cups, and that there would then be plenty of money to pay for him.

But if you have to put down 50 per cent of the fee on the table — that's a different proposition. The Chairmen didn't discuss the streamlining of the League, although they must realise that 18 teams per division is ample, and that the Third and Fourth Divisions must be regionalised. Part-time players were also not on the agenda, because the clubs are individual companies, and nobody can dictate to them in these matters.

The 'three-points for a win' experiment was considered a success, and nobody suggested bonus points for goals, because that system could lead to dishonest football. But the Chairmen asked Sir Matt Busby and Jimmy Hill to take a long, hard look at the laws-of-the-game, and recommend changes which would improve "the product" — make the game more entertaining to watch.

These are the various points which occupy the would-be reformers.

**1. Goalkeepers wasting time:** By picking-up the ball several times, by rolling it to a full-back and getting it back from him, etc. The ball is "in play" and the referee can do very little to stop these ploys, but if the rule would say that the goal keeper is only allowed to be in possession of the ball once before an opponent touches it, the problem would be solved. I would certainly outlaw the back pass to the goalkeeper from outside the penalty area.

**2. The offside trap:** This is the most irritating defensive system, and it would be a great improvement if it could be tackled. Jimmy Hill says that a player is only offside if he seeks to gain advantage. When the defenders deliberately put a forward offside, he doesn't seek to gain advantage.

But for a referee (and I used to be one), it is impossible to judge the intentions of a forward. No, the offside trap cannot be ruled out so easily, but it can be pushed further afield by the American system of introducing the '35-yards only' rule.

## Tackle

This would also help to tackle the "midfield jungle" to quote Jimmy's favourite expression. He doesn't like the cluttered-up midfields of present-day football, when around the centre-circle, a bunch of players skirmish for possession. 10 extra yards on both sides of the pitch would give breathing space, and would allow more scope for the genuine ball-players.

I would introduce a new offside line 35 yards from goal, instead of the present half-way line.

**3. The tactical foul:** Matt and Jimmy are searching for a solution for the punishment to fit the crime. The idea of a secondary penalty has been touted before, which means a free-kick from the semi-circle outside the penalty box, with no players between the kicker and the goalkeeper.

It has also been suggested that the perpetrator of the cynical foul should be sent-off. But the best solution would be to recreate the situation before the offence is committed!

In other words, give the forward a clear run at goal and not allow the opposing defenders to filter-back. This solution, if at all practicable, would make the referee's work even more difficult, because he would have to make sure that a complicated situation was reconstructed. Perhaps a secondary penalty would be better after all . . .

All these possible changes in the laws-of-the-game need FIFA approval, or rather a nod from the International Board. This august body is dominated by British members, who are, I am afraid, just as conservative as their foeign colleagues.

But English football is powerful enough to influence the FIFA thinking, and the Busby-Hill deliberations might mark the beginning of a revolution on the football pitches of the world. I certainly hope so, because the laws-of-the-game can do with some drastic changes, I don't believe the "test of time" theory — "the product" is getting poorer in every country, and this great spectator sport is losing its popularity.

A great World Cup might help — not just good, great — but there is no harm in looking at ways to improve the domestic games entertainment value.

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# BFC Dynamo Berlin on 'double' target

## EAST GERMANY
### by Eric Batty

**CHAMPIONS and leaders at the 'winter-pause', BFC Dynamo Berlin storm on towards another league title and after beating FC Vorwarts (Frankfurt on the Oder) by 2-0 in the FA Cup semi-finals, could make it a double.**

But at the wrong end of the league table it is being once more underlined that in the DDR there is a tremendous difference between the big guns in the Oberliga and the regionalised Division II. Both the 'neulings' are still the bottom two, trailing well behind and booked for the quickest possible return to the second class. But in the 17th round Energie Cottbus recorded their first Oberliga win when at home they beat Wismut Aue 3-2 to get off the bottom. Even then however they almost blew it for after leading 2-0 at the interval they only just hung on to win.

On the same day their companions in distress, Chemie Buna Schkopau, earned a very good point by drawing 2-2 away to 1. FC Magdeburg. That was a disaster for FCM who had previously only dropped two home points. Only a crowd of 8,000 saw Chemie Buna at Magdeburg who led 2-1 after 12 minutes with both goals being notched by their international centre-forward star Joachim Streich. In fact Streich got both those goals in the space of one minute, but FCM, one of the leading lights in the DDR for some years now are an awful team away from home.

### Top scorer

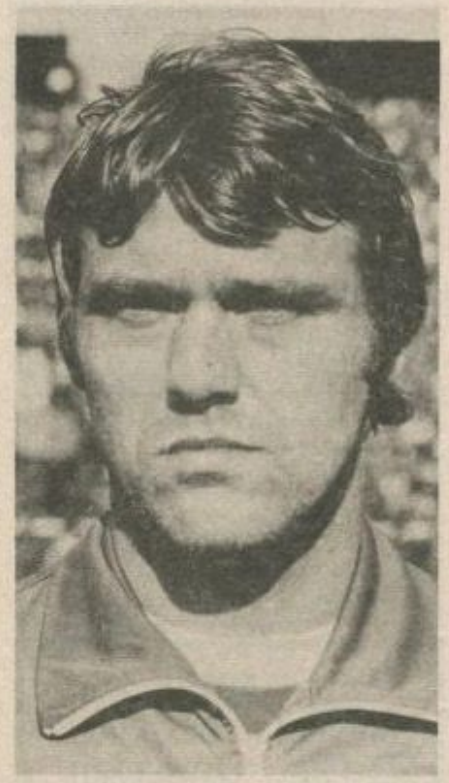
With eight rounds left to play Streich is Magdeburg's top scorer with 11 goals, having missed some matches through injury and knocking them in in only 14 outings. But 10 of his goals have been scored at home and only one away which means that, knowing he is an excellent player, he simply does not get the necessary support and chances laid on for him in Auswart games.

The top Oberliga scorer at that time was Rüdiger Schnuphase the centre-back of FC Carl Zeiss Jena with 15 goals from the 16 games he took part in. Two goals better off than all the leading strikers in the DDR, Schnuphase recorded 8 of his goals from penalty kicks and the rest from headers when he went upfield for corners and free-kicks. If he ends up 'top of the heap' it will underline why the DDR failed in the World Cup when they were even beaten 3-2 at home at the Zentralstadion in Leipzig by neighbours Poland.

Dynamo Berlin are the only team in the top class with a 100 per cent home tally with eight games left and in Berlin they have knocked in 37 goals to seven. But they have no really outstanding goalgetter though Netz and Troppa had each hit eight and both Schulz and Riediger six each. But in the Liga it looks like Dynamo again by a street and only Dynamo Dresden who have to play the Pokal-Finale away in Berlin v Dynamo, stand between BFC and a double.

In the semi-finals Dynamo Dresden drew a 22,000 crowd for what looked like an easy game against Energie Cottbus, the relegation candidates. It turned out that way too with Dynamo 3-0 up before Energie snatched one back but they won 4-1. In the other semi-final Dynamo Berlin were watched by only 13,000 but beat Army team FC Vorwarts 2-0. BFC began without the considerable services of Hans-Jurgen Riediger though he went on late as a substitute and their goals were knocked in by Schulz and Strasser in the first half.

On paper Dynamo Dresden are the favourites to win the final having been in six finals before to the Berlin club's four, and Dresden have been Pokalsieger three times — in 1952, 1971 and 1977 to only one success by BFC — in 1959 when they were the Army team, ASK Vorwarts Berlin. But Dresden have not yet recovered from losing three really good international stars caught in the act of allegedly fleeing to West Germany.



Rudiger Schnuphase of East Germany.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**NO DOUBT to the chagrin of Sparta and Slavia fans, their Prague neighbours, army team Dukla, are storming away to yet another championship and, with eight games to play, have a comfortable six-point lead over the field plus a superior goals difference.**

But at home to Brno, Dukla were watched by only 3,870 cash customers (though army personnel get in free and are not included) and they won that 2-0 in the end after Brno had put up a stout defence. After an hour Ladislav Vizek put Dukla ahead, his 12th of the season and placing him level top scorer (on a par with Peter Herda of Slavia). Then Oldrich Rott made it 2-0.

Until that week-end another Prague club, Bohemians had been second, only four points away, but they crashed 0-2 away to reigning champions Banik Ostrava where centre-back Rostislav Vojacek had a fine game and scored the opening goal which put Banik on their way. A late goal by young international striker Zdenek Valak wrapped up both points for Banik in front of the biggest crowd of the round, 11,961. At that stage Banik were second, but level on points with both Bohemians and Plastika Nitra — the surprise team of the season from Slovakia.

If Dukla do win the title they will have won it away from home for in the last few years there have been very few away winners in the Czech First Division. But this season under former left-back Ladislav Novak, Dukla have won seven and drawn one game away from their own Juliska Stadium. That is so superior to the away records of all their challengers for the next best are jointly, the two Slovak clubs Nitra and Lokomotiva Kosica who have each taken nine away points from the same record: three wins and three draws.

Slavia have not been doing at all well this season and could still be relegated. But Peter Herda chipped in a penalty goal that gave them a 1-0 home win over Spartak Trnava and after that Slavia took a giant step towards safety but left Trnava right in it.

The Czech Army's Reserve team, Dukla Banska Bystrica who play in a small town in Slovakia look booked for the drop as they have all season. They have managed one away win however which is more than Inter-Bratislava, Slavia and Petrzalka can say after 11 attempts, but Dukla B.B. have had 33 goals put past them in away games.

### Home town

Petrzalka, who joined Slovan and Inter in the top flight in their home town Bratislava, began the campaign very brightly. They have managed only two away from home after 11 of their 15 games 'on the road' as the Americans say.

Up with them went Vitkovice, another Prague club to make it five of the 16 top flight teams in the capital. And after a shaky start they are looking comfortable now, even inflicting Nitra's only home defeat on them so far (by 1-0).

Prague fans are not having a very happy season, however. At home to Dukla, AC Sparta pulled in 17,342 but most of them must have gone away sick after the army beat the old established Sparta 3-1 with goals from Ladislav Vizek (from the spot), Tomas Kriz and Stanislav Pelc.

The 'big' Prague local derby, Sparta-Slavia attracted only 12,285 cash customers who saw Slavia one up at the break but then a bit lucky to get away with a 1-1 draw for, in the first half, Jan Berger missed a penalty for Sparta.

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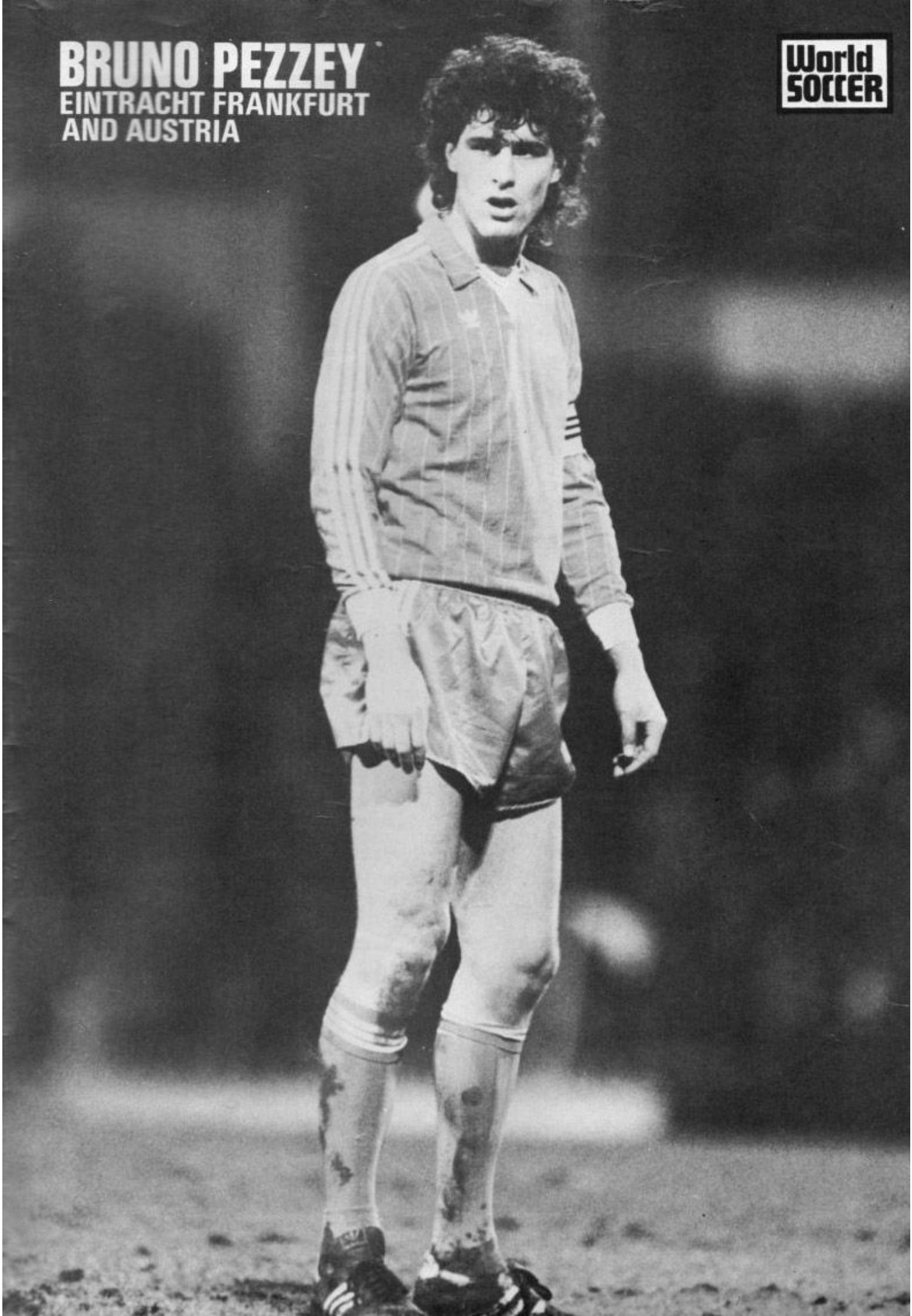

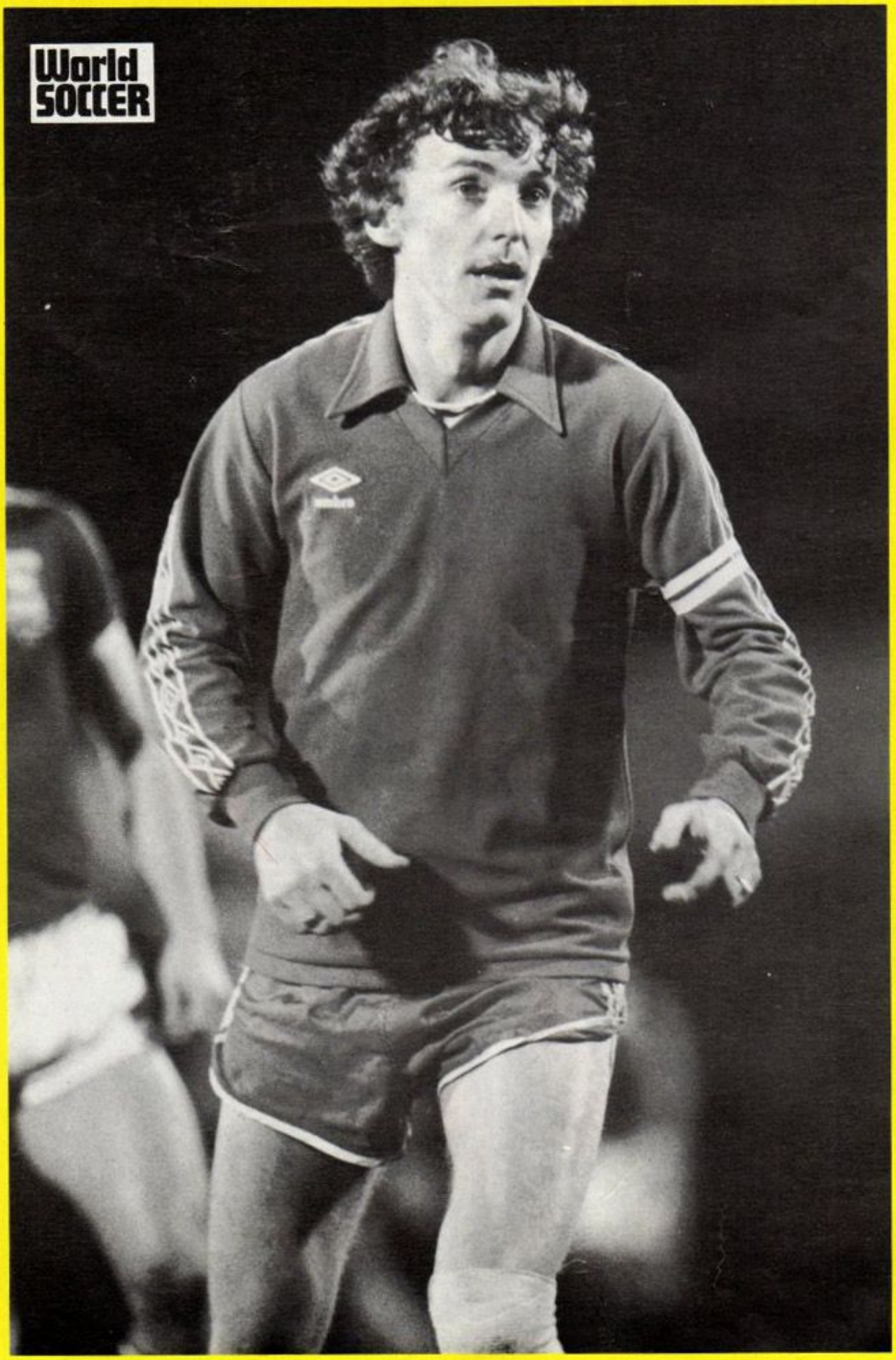


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